# W. Bank societies appeal to PNC

AMMAN (Petra) - Heads and members of cooperative organisations in the occupied West Bank Wednesday sent cables to the Palestine National Council (PNC) now meeting in Algiers urging its members to adopt effective decisions that would ensure the return of Arab lands to their owners and liberate the territories from Israeli rule. The statement called on PNC members to coordinate their stand with Jordan at the regional and intemational levels with the purpose of benefiting from the current beace initiatives. Signatories of the cables represented agrcultural engineers, farmers and cooperative societies.



# Israel arrests 200 Palestinians

TEL AVIV (R) - About 200 Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip have been arrested in two days of continuing unrest in the Israeli-occupied territories, Arah sources said Wednesday. Most of those arrested were youths, the sources said. They were rounded up after Israeli cars were stoned in the West Bank and an Israeli man was shot Tuesday hy an unidentified man in the Gaza Strip during demonstrations in support of the Palestine National Council (PNC) now meeting in Algiers. The army placed over half a dozen towns and roads in the area

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## Ramadan arrives in Turkey for talks

ANKARA (R) — Iraqi First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan began talks with Turkish leaders Wednesday which officials said would centre on regional issues and trade. Mr. Ramadan told reporters before mee-ting Prime Minister Bulend Ulusu it would he wrong to think of relations hetween the two countries only in terms of economic links. Turkey has maintained close relations with both sides in the war between Iran and Iraq and made an unsuccessful mediation attempt last year.

### Van Der Broek ends Mideast visit

ABU DHABI (R) - Dutch Forcign Minister Hans van Der Broek flew bome Wednesday at the end of a Middle East tour. During his three-day visit to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) he discussed the Middle East problem, the Iraq-Iran war, and the promotion of trade and economic relations between the UAE and The Netherlands, Mr. Van Der Broek also visited Oman, Jordan, Lebanon and Bahrain,

### Papandreou in Vienna

VIENNA (R) - Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreon arrived Wednesday for an official three-day visit to Austria at the invitation of Chancellor Bruno

### Egypt, Sudan to sign integration accords

CAIRO (R) - President Hosni Mubarak and Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri will meet in Khartoum on Tuesday to sign agreements to further Egyptian-Sudanese integration, the Middle East News Agency (MENA) said Wednesday. The official Egyptian agency added the pacts would cover freedom of movement between the two states, removing tariff barriers to help bilateral trade and serting up an investment fund. The announcement followed a meeting by the two presidents at Aswan on Monday.

## U.S. grants trade credit to Iraq

WASHINGTON (Agencies) -The United States has granted its first trade credit to Iraq since diplomatic relations were broken off in 1967, the Washington Post reported Wednesday. Citing an agriculture department official, it said the Commodity Credit Corporation had granted a credit line of \$210 million for buying U.S. farm produce. Some \$160 million had already been spent on wheat, rice and barley. Other U.S. officials said an American delegation was now in Baghdad to negotiate a further \$450 million line of credit.

## 20 Baha'i leaders executed in Iran

LONDON (R) — Twenty leaders of the Baha'i faith have been sentenced to death in the Iranian city of Shiraz for spying and alleged links with Israel, officials said Wednesday. A spokesman for the Shiraz Islamic Court said the tribunal tried 21 Baha'i leaders and passed death sentences on 20 of them. One of the defendants, a woman, had been pardoned. He said the 20 leaders had been condemned to death because: "Not only did they not regret what they had done, they were also proud of their religion and actions."

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# PLO leader faces

# 'narrowed' options for Mideast peace

ALGIERS (R) — Yasser Arafat appears to be hardening his previously moderate line on Middle East peace moves, sources at a conference of Palestinian leaders said Wed-

The sources said Mr. Arafat's options on peace moves had narrowed as the result of hardline statements at the current session here of the Palestine National Council (PNC) -- the Palestinians' parliament-in-exile.

They said Mr. Arafat appeared to be edging towards the militant position in an attempt to maintain the unity of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). Unity is his number one goal at the moment.

But both moderates and hardliners in the PLO are still pressing their views to influence the PNC's verdict on Mr. Arafat's diplomatic approach to Middle East

Mr. Arafat's moderate stance has split the PLO into supporters and critics of its leader and during its session here the PNC is expected to agree on a formal response to various peace proposals under discussion.

A wide range of sources said it was clear that the PLO could not give an explicit signal to the United States and Jordan that it was ready to accept peace initiatives sounded out by Mr. Arafat over the past six months.

The prevailing view at the PNC was that the PLO could not make concessions while both President Reagan and Israeli Prime Minister

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# Moellemann says W.Germany supports concept outlined in 1980 Venice Declaration

By Afifah A. Kaloti Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - West Germany will adhere to the general policy out-lined in the 1980 Venice Declaration "which combines our concept with the ideas of President Reagan and King Hussein," West German Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Jurgen Moellemann said Wednesday.

He also expressed hope that the Palestine National Conneil (PNC), now meeting in Algiers, will support the basic lines of the Venice Declaration.

Speaking at a press conference in Amman, Mr. Moellemann said his country "supports the initiative that King Hussein has been discussing with Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leaders in the last month to build up a Jordanian-Palestinian confederation." "It is a realistic way to combine

the ideas of several parties," Mr. Moellemann said.

Mr. Moellemann said that his government supports the Reagan initiative and finds in the Fez Arah summit plan an important step because it is an Arab consensus supporting the cause of peace."

"During a recent visit to West Germany by Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir my government made it clear that the Israeli settlement policy should end

since it does not only disturb Middle East stability but it constitutes threat to world peace," Mr. Moellemann said.

"In the field of economics, culture and politics we see good chances to intensify cooperation bet-ween Jordan and West Germany," Mr. Moellemann said. He pointed out that West German financial aid to Jordan between 1961 and 1983 amounted to 750 million deutsche marks and the technical assistance reached 220 million deutsche marks.

"In my talks with His Majesty King Hussein and His Highness Prince Hassan, I discussed further bolstering Jordanian-West German cooperation in various spheres, and I invited Prince Hassan to come to West Germany for further discussions during the fortheoming Euro-Arab dialogue which will open in Hambourg on April 11," Mr. Moellemann said.

"We attach great importance to talks with Jordanian officials since Jordan is the second major recipient of West German financial and technical aid." he said.

On the question of the Isracli occupation of Lebanon, Mr. Moellemann reiterated his country's call for a total withdrawal of all foreign forces from that country "so that the legitimate gov-ernment in Beirut can establish its full sovereignty and safeguard Lebanon's territorial integrity."

# Court okays Kohl's call for elections on March 6

KARLSRUHE, West Germany (R) — West Germany's federal constitutional court Wednesday cleared the way for a general clection on March 6 and endorsed conservative Chancellor Helmut Kohl's grounds for forcing an

early poll. The court, ruling by a margin of six to two, dismissed petitions from four deputies which argued that a dissolution of parliament was unconstitutional because Mr. Kohl's coalition still had a maj-

ority after losing a contrived vote of confidence on Dec. 17. Presiding Judge Wolfgang Zeidler justified the verdict by pointing to the deep splits in Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher's Free Democratic Party

(FDP) caused by its change of coa-

lition partners last autumn. He said Mr. Kohl had good reason to believe when he sought elections in December that his alliance with the FDP might not last until the next regular poll in 1984. | rth Corps and advance very far.



An Eastern Airlines jet gets blasted by an emergency vehicle with fire depressant after it belly landed at the Miami International Airport late Tuesday

seven aboard. The jet'a landing gear malfunctioned and had to make the emergency landing while en-route from West Palm Beach to New York. (A.P.

was injured.

east of Beirut, early Wednesday

morning and tried to prevent a

routine Israeli patrol passing. The

patrol, commanded by a colonel,

broke through the roadhlock.

There was no shooting and no one

The spokesman said the area

was under the control of Israeli

troops and Israel "has no int-

ention of discontiouing its patrols,

which are a routine part of the

ongoing security measures in the

Tuesday, Israeli troops killed

three Palestinian commandos who

attacked an Israeli checkpoint at

Monte Verde, which is on the only

passable road from Beirut to

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# Car bomb kills 2 in east Beirut

BEIRUT (R) - A car bomh exploded at a petrol station in a rightist-controlled suburb of Beirut Wednesday, killing two people and injuring at least one other, security sources said.

The attack happened in Antelias, a coastal area of apartment hlocks and beach hotels on the east side of Beirut. The Lebanese regular army

Tuesday took over responsibility for security in east Beirut from the predominantly Christian rightist militias that had ruled there since the 1975-76 civil war. But Antelias and some other outlying areas remained in militia hands. · The nearest Lebanese army post is three kilometres from the scene of the blast.

There was no immediate indication of who was behind the bomhing or what the attack had

Iraq reports

new flare-up

on battlefront

BAGHDAD (R) - Iraq said

Wednesday that its troops had

repulsed a fresh Iranian attack on

the current Gulf war battlefront,

along the border east of the Iraqi

A statement broadcast hy Bag-

hdad Radio did not say when the

new attack took place. It said Iran

lost some men killed or captured.

According to Iraqi accounts,

Iran opened a new offensive on

the Al Shih front, where the latest

Neither side has reported beavy

fighting since last Thursday, when

the Iraqis said an Iranian force of

tanks and infantry overran Iraqi

lines but was trapped in a

counter-attack, with 1,000 Ira-

nians and at least 20 tanks cap-

Iran claimed it smashed an Iraqi

Correspondents taken to the

Iraqi lines during the luli that fol-

lowed found it difficult to establish

the actual scale of the fighting or

the numbers killed on either side.

Iraq has said 15,000 Iranians

Neutral diplomats doubt whe-

ther Iran has the military strength

to smash the defending Iraqi Fou-

have died since the offensive sta-

brigade the same day.

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tured.

bomb attacks within the last three Monte Verde, three kilometres weeks on Palestinian targets in Lebanon, On Jan. 28, a bomb demolished a Palestinian resistance movement headquarters in the eastern town of Shtoura, in a Syrian-controlled area of Lehanon, killing about 30 people.

On Feh. 5, 20 people died when another bomb blew up outside the Palestine Liberation Organisation's (PLO) last working office in Beirut.

## Israelis break roadblock

Meanwhile an Israeli patrol hroke through a Lebanese army roadhlock east of Beirut Wednesday morning.

The incident was the first reported between Israeli and Lebanese troops since the Lehanese army deployed in east Beirut.

Israel says Haddad militia will be integrated into Lebanese army,

An Israeli spokesman said the There have been two hig car Lehanese set up a checkpoint at

# Sharon 'escaped double trap'

Defence Minister Ariel Sharon was quoted in a French newspaper interview Wednesday as saying be had escaped the double trap of having to resign or he sacked.

Mr. Sharon was replaced as defence minister and made a minister without portfobo on Monday following the report of a judicial inquiry into the Beirut massacre of Palestinian refugees which called for his resignation.

The Paris daily Le Matin, the newspaper closest to the socialist government, reported him as saying: "From the start I had to avoid

PARIS (R) - Former Israeli the double trap that lay in wait for me: On the one hand, having to resign, and on the other hemg

'dismissed from my joh.
"I succeeded. I didn't resign and I wasn't dismissed." He said it had been a question of changing round cabinet posts. In

his letter to Prime Minister Menachem Begin saying he would hand over the defence portfolio he did not offer to resign and specified he did not intend to leave the government.

The important thing, he told the newspaper, was that he was still in the government.

# Hussein, Hassan and Qasem confer with West German minister

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein received at Al Nadwa Palace Wednesday the visiting West German minister of state for foreign affairs, Jurgen Moellemann, who is also pre-sident of the Arab-German Friendship Society.

During the audience, they dis-cussed Middle East developments and ways of holstering Jordanian-West German cooperation and ties of friendship. The audience was attended by Foreign Minister Marwan Al Oasem and West German Ambassador to Jordan Hermann Munz.

Earlier Wednesday, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan discussed with Mr. Moellemann the Middle East question in general, and the situation in the occupied Arab territories in par-

They also discussed ways of further bolstering West German-Jordanian relations.

Mr. Moellemann arrived in Amman Tuesday for a visit expected to last several days and said upon arrival that his visit is aimed at discussing means of strengthening cooperation between

West Germany and Jordan and coordinating both countries' stands vis-a-vis world issues, particularly the Middle East question.

He also praised His Majesty King Hussem's efforts for estahlishing a just and durable peace and stressed the West German government's deep appreciation for these efforts.

In reply to a question Mr. Moellemann denied that the forthcoming visit to Israel by West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl was to express support for Israel's policies. "This visit comes in the course of a tour Mr. Kohl will be making in the Middle East." Mr. Moellemann said.

Later, Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem discussed with the West German visitor the region's problems and Israel's invasion of Lebanon which the minister said has "clearly revealed Israel's expansionist designs in Arab lands."

Mr. Qasem explained Jordan's efforts for beloing "Lebanon to regain its full sovereignty and territorial integrity" and pointed out "the dangers threatening the Arah -World because of Iran's continued aggression against Iraq.

# Israeli minister promises to follow up inquiry report

Minister Moshe Nissim promised Wednesday that the government and army would correct the flaws in their decision-making process as demanded by the commission which probed the Beirut mas-

three no-confidence motions in which opposition speakers demanded the government's resignation over the hlunders uncovered by the commission.

The government was expected to narrowly defeat the motions in voting several bours later.

The commission scored the army and government for failing to keep each other informed and for not keeping records of conversations. It pointed to hlockages in the communications pipeline that prevented early warnings of the massacre from reaching the decision-makers.

Mr. Nissim accused the opposition of showing "a great deal of selectivity in presenting the true He denied that the commission

conclusions of the commission." had held the government collectively responsible for the massacre, saying responsibility fell on

TEL AVIV (Agencies) - Justice certain individuals and the government had acted against them. He quoted extensively from the

commission's words of praise for Israel's speedy decision to invade west Beirut in an effort to head off vengeance killings in the wake of Lebanese President-elect Bashir Mr. Nissim noted that the com-

mission had justified the use of the Falangists as surrogates to answer public pressure in Israel for the Falangists to do more fighting on Israel's side.

# Rabin attacks government

Former Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin charged that the govcrnment's conduct during the massacre was indicative of its handling of the entire war.

Mr. Rabin said his Labour Party felt obliged to present the motion, even though be knew the govcrament's 64-56 majority in the house assured it of victory. Two more motions, by the

Communists and the centrist Shinui (change) party, also were before the Knesset (parliament).

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# Turin pays last respects to victims of cinema disaster TURIN, Italy (R) - President

Sandro Pertini and several thousand citizens of Turin paid their last respects Wednesday to 64 people who died in the poisonous smoke of an imexplained cinema fire last Sunday.
Police said at least 25,000 peo-

ple gathered in the central Piazza San Giovanni outside the city's 450-year-old cathedral as a funeral service was held there for the victims of the city's worst post-war disaster.

The coffins of 42 of the victims, decked with wreaths of roses, orchids, tilies and other flowers, covered the stone floor of the catbedral. The families of the dead

gathered around them in dignified, grief-stricken groups.

Sbops, cinemas and theatres were closed, and work stopped briefly in factories as this northern, industrial city fell silent in a show of respect. The blaze is still unexplained and the cinema manager faces charges of multiple manslaughter for failing to ensure that all the emergency exits fun-

"Before us lie not only the remains of those who died and the beating hearts of those who grieve for them, but also this entire city," Cardinal Anastasio Ballestrero, archbishop of Turin, said in a hom-

ily broadcast to the thousands braving freezing temperatures in the square outside.

President Pertini sat, visibly moved, close to the altar, flanked by several government ministers. Gianni Agnelli, chairman of the Fiat car company which is based in Turin, was also present. The families of 22 of the victims

chose not to attend the service. Some had personal reasons, others rejected the city's offer because they had been angered by the apparently inadequate emergency facilities at the cinema.

Candlelight flicked over the wreaths and the mourners' bowed heads, while Cardinal Ballestrero led an hour-long service which included several hymns. The coffins were later taken away for separate burials in cemetries chosen by the

Investigating Magistrate Bruno Caccia said he had received a medical report on the disaster which stated that all the victims died of suffocation by carbon monoxide fumes as poisonous, black smoke. billowed through the cinema.

The disaster has provoked widespread anger in Turin and a heated dehate throughout Italy as to how safety standards can be improved in cinemas.

said the leader. Aharon Domd of

the Mount Hebron local council.

authorities had several options

open to them to punish offenders.

The military source said the

"It all depends on the gravity of

the offence. There are legal con-

straints and we have experts check

the legal aspects of each individual

Why punish thousands of people for the act of one person, perhaps even a child?

# Dahariya--a town under Israeli curfew for 3 weeks now

By Alan Elsner Reuter

DAHARIYA, West Bank (R) -Somebody threw a rock at an Isrneli car as it drove through this small town on the occupied West Bank, fatally injuring 22-year-old Esther Ohana.

Dahariya has been sealed off and under military curiew ever since the attack took place three

On Tuesday some of its 8,000 residents told a Reuter correpondent, the first allowed by the Israeli army to visit the town, about life under curfew. They said they had been ord-

ered to stay in their homes day and ish townspeople but to put prenight except for two hours every afternoon when they are allowed out to buy food, Men are forhidden to leave the town to go to work and the army has closed all

"I have 10 children and I can't go to work to support them," one resident said. Like all the people of Dahariya, he requested ano-

nymity. 'The murder was a bad thing hut why punish thousands of people for the act of one person, perhaps even a child? It is very unj-

Israeli military sources said the aim of the curfew was not to pun-

ssure on them to cooperate with the authorities investigating the murder.

One military source said the system had proved successful, adding that the curfew would be lifted when the investigation had been concluded satisfactorily.

"We take this incident very seriously indeed," the source said. The amhush took place under cover of darkness and the assailant may have used a catapult. The stone went through the front windshield, hit the woman on the head and contioued out through the back windshield."

It was the first fatality in stone-

fairly frequent in such ambushes and four Israelis had been hurt in Dahariya alone this year. The killing sent a wave of anger through nearby Israeli set-

throwing attacks on Israeli veli-

tlements. On Monday night, about 60 settlers from Kiryat Arba, a few kilometres to the north, tried to storm into the town. The army held them up at a roadblock for several hours but let them enter at daybreak with the approval of a high-ranking officer.

The settlers prayed at the scene of

the murder and then shouted thr-

eats in Arabic against the res-

idents through two loudspakers.

The military source said the icles. The source said injuries were army and security services had arrested about 100 residents during their investigation, of whom 30 were still detained.

He said the authorities could hold suspects for up to 18 days without charging them, hringing them to court or allowing them to see a lawyer. One resident said he had been

held at a detention camp near Nahlus for a week before being released. He complained of being beaten with sticks on the first two days of his detention. Another man said his hrother

was in detention. The family had

and did not know where he was being held.

Curfew breakers are arrested and tried the same day, the source said. About 40 had been convicted and fined sums of up to 2,000 shekels (about \$55).

The Red Cross has visited the town twice since the curfew to check that residents had adequate food an ...edical services.

A Kirya: Arha leader said the settlers were not satisfied with the steps taken by the army to deter

would-be stone throwers. "They should throw them out to Jordan with their families and blow up their houses. That would

case hefore deciding what to do. "We know the curfew hurts residents. It prevents them from working and causes them financial

"But it also gives them an inc-

entive to help us find the people who planned and executed this attack. The sooner we find them, not beard from him since his arrest soon put a stop to this husiness," the sooner this will all be over."

# Freedom of press: A threat to privacy in Britain

By Nicholas Phythian

LONDON — Britain's popular newspapers have had their knuckless severely rapped over a 1981 scramble for news about massmurderer Peter Sutcliffe, the Yorkshire Ripper,

The Press Council, ethical watchdog of Britain's newspaper industry, strengthened its rules on Friday by banning chequebook journalism and condemned reporters who "ferociously and callously" harassed relatives of Suteliffe and his victims.

In one of the most damning judgements of its 29-year history, the council told newspapers to stop paying criminals' families, friends or neighbours for stories -- or run the risk of parliament clamping more legal restrictions on press

duct is purely advisory and at least one of Fleet Street's scoop-hungry tabloids is unrepentant. The Daily Mail. singled out for the harshest criticism, said in an editorial that the new restrictions were impractical, undesirable and against the public interest.

It portrayed the ruling as a threat to the investigative freedom of the British Press, which already faces some of the world's tightest laws on libel and contempt of

Peter Sutcliffe was jailed for life in 1981 for brutally murdering 13 women in Northern England.

The frenzied scramble to buy exclusive stories from anyone connected with him led to a public outcry. Queen Elizabeth even made known her "sense of distaste" at the practice.

members journalists and half members of the public, stepped in at the request of Doreen Hill. mother of Sutcliffe's last victim. a 20-year-old student.

Its 70,000-word report, fruit of a two-year inquiry into press coverage of the case, concentrated on three areas: payment of what Mrs. Hill called blood-money for exclusive stories, harassment of relatives and Sutcliffe's chances of a fair trial.

The council reproduced scrawled notes furtively pressed on Sutcliffe's wife Sonia by reporters who offered between 50,000 sterling (\$75,000) and one million sterling (\$1.5 million) for her

It expressed its abhorrence and distaste that anyone connected with a criminal should profit from that connection, Mrs. Sutcliffe.

The Press Council, half its who steadfastly refused to sell her story, told the council how the mob of reporters outside her home was so vast that a food and hot drinks stand was set up.

> "Hordes of reporters clambered one over the other banging at the door, window and letterbox. shamelessly yelling they would pay more than the next man or woman for my story," she said.

The council, which singled out six newspapers for criticism. condemned reporters for intruding on Mrs. Hill and on Mrs. Sutcliffe and her family. "The conduct of joumalists immediately after Mrs. Hill's bereavement was a clear case of unwarranted intrusion into grief." it said.

The council also said that both police and newspapers had failed to respect the guiding principle of British law that a person is innocent until proved guilty.

It criticised the police for presenting the officers who arrested Sutcliffe as conquering heroes and for saying that the arrest marked the end of the ripper's reign of

It said that most newspapers created the impression that Sutcliffe, even though he had not been charged, was beyond doubt the killer of 13 women. It described this as highly and ine-xcusably prejudicial and unfair.

The report touched a raw nerve in Fleet Street, shedding further light on some of the shadier practices of Britain's popular newspapers.

The Times, the newspaper of the Britisb establishment, said in an editorial that the report should be greeted in a spirit of humility and self-criticism. The Guardian, another of Fleet Street's heavyweights, spoke of the council

uncovering a rare stench that Street's mass-circulation dailies. could not be ignored or fudged

But those tabloids that bothered to comment on the report acknowledged that mistakes had been made, while arguing that these were the price of a free press in Britain.

The Daily Mirror, which escaped censure in the report, said that the new Press Council rules could work against the public interest by protecting people who should be exposed.

The Press Council report is one of a series of developments that has turned the spotlight on the way Britain's newspapers try to boost sales by scooping their riv-

The rustle of cheque books and the harassment that marked the ripper case are symptomatic of a bitter circulation war among Fleet

All but one saw their circulations slump in the second half of 1982. The exception was the Sun. Britam's top-selling daily. which built its reputation with

comprehensive sports coverage and pictures of bare-breusted The fight for readers has led

some newspapers to side-step conventions on the privacy of public figures, in particular Britain's royal family, and bend rules gov-. erning reporting of crime stories.

Buckingham Palace has repcatedly rebuked the popular press for its coverage of Princess Diana. wife of the heir to the throne, Prince Charles, and has strongly criticised papers for suggesting she had the slimmers' disease, anorexia nervosa.

Britam's attorney-general has taken five national newspapers to court accosing them of publishing stories about Bukingham Paline intruder Michael Fagan that might have prejudiced his trial on charees of stealing a car.

But all of those newspapers that commented on the Press Council's ripper report were unanimous in saying that Fleet Street should be

left to put its own house in order. The Daily Star, Britain's newest daily, showed that it, for one, was prepared to do this when it confessed to hounding Britain's royal family and promised to mend its

Meanwhile, Mrs. Hill is giving Fleet Street a year or two to reform. She has threatened to ask parliament to act if chequebook journalism is still rampant by then.

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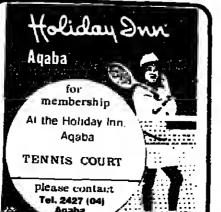
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# Nurses will graduate under Noor's patronage loan for school building

AMMAN (Petra) — A ceremony will be held at the Palace of Culture Thursday under the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Noor for the graduation of three groups of nursing school students who specialised in general nursing and midwhery.

Speaking in an interview with the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, on the eve of the gra-duation, the headmistress of the nursing school, Samira Qumuq, said that, despite the increase in the number of female students joining the Jordanian Nursing College (JNC) over the past few years, the oumber of gradoates was not sufficient to staff the hospitals and medical centres in Jor-

To overcome this shortage, the government has established our-

sing training centres in various regions of the country. Add-itionally the Health Ministry is considering reducing nurses' working hours from eight to six and, is currently re-examining the nurses' pay scale in order to make the profession more attractive, Miss Qumuq said.

She said that the current school curricula is quite adequate for the job training required by general hospitals, but nevertheless a committee had recently been set up to develop the curricula to bring it in line with that being taught at the University of Jordan's Nursing Faculty.
Since its establishmeot the JNC

has turned out 1,024 nurses and midwives of whom 872 are now employed by the Health Min-istry's hospitals, Miss Qumuq said.

# British team to advise on construction problems

AMMAN (Petra) — A British scientific team representing the Building Research Establishment (BRE) in Britain arrived in Amman Tuesday evening to take part in a seminar on construction methods on Jordanian clay soil. The seminar, organised by the Royal Scientific Society's Building Research Centre (BRC) will open at the Yarmouk Liaisoo Office in Amman Sunday Feb. 20.

During the two-day seminar, participants will discuss subjects

connected with the difficulties of building on such soil and the properties of clay soil. It will also study specific related problems such as the best way to repair cra-

Nearly 120 delegates, experts and officials will attend the semmar, which will discuss three working papers presented by BRE and four from the BRC. These papers represent the results of joint research conducted by both sides over the past four years.

# Board to discuss coming ALO meeting in March

AMMAN (Petra) - The Jor- untries' chambers of commerce. danian private sector's participation in the Arab Labour Organisation's meeting in March will be discussed by the Federation of Jordanian Chambers of Commerce Board here Thursday, according to the federation's President Hamdi Al Tabba'.

He said that the March meeting, to be beld in Amman, will be attended by representatives from both Arab and noo-Arab cou-

Also at the Thursday meeting arrangements for the federation's participation in a seminar to promote Arab exports to Western European countries will be discussed, Mr. Tabba's said. The seminar, he explained, will be held in Brussels sometime in April. Other seminars and conferences in which the federation will berepresented include the Arab Economic Day which will be held in Paris next mooth, he said. . Valetta. .

# JD 18.8m World Bank project gets cabinet O.K.

government

The cabinet also approved a

draft loan agreement with the

Saudi Fund for Development.

Under the agreement, Jordan will

obtain 110 million Saudi riyals to

finance the Aqaha thermal power

The cabinet authorised Nat-

ional Planning Council President

Hanna Odeh to sign the agreement on behalf of the Jordanian

Government. Also, at its regular meeting, the cabinet approved a request for the establishmeot of an

Irbid Development Corporation

which will be set up along the lines

of those already established in

AMMAN (J.T.) — The cabinet eement on behalf of the Jordanian Wednesday endorsed a loan agreement under which Jordan will receive JD 18.8 million from the World Bank to part finance a school building project to be und-ertaken by the Ministry of Edu-

The project eotails the constructions of 15 vocational training schools to include living accommodation for the teaching staff. It will also see the huilding of boys' schools, each containing classrooms for preparatory and sec-Oodary level studeots, and boarding-facilities for half the

students attending these schools. The cabinet aothorised Jordan's ambassador in Washington Abdul Hadi Al Majali to sign the agr-

Swiss trade

delegation to

arrive Friday

assador to Jordan Andre-Louis

Valloo Wednesday met Minister

of Industry and Trade Walid Asf-

our to discuss preparations for a

visit to Jordan Friday by a Swiss.

The delegation will discuss with

Jordanian officials bilateral coo-

peration in implementing Jor-

danian development projects

undertakeo by both private and

public sectors. Talks will also deal

with ways of promoting bilateral

economic relations, and inc-

reasing the volume of trade bet-

AMMAN (Petra) - The Maltese

Government has expressed its des-

ire to establish close cooperation

with Jordan in the educational,

tourist, commercial and civil avi-

ation fields. This message was con-

tained in a memorandum which

the Ministry of Transport received

from the Jordanian embassy in

ween the two countries.

closer links

Maltese seek

economic delegatioo.

## U.S. mayors delegation to arrive in Jordan AMMAN (Petra) — Swiss Amb-

Karak and Salt.

AMMAN (J.T.) - A delegation of U.S. mayors are expected to arrive Saturday on a week-long visit to Jordan.

The U.S. delegation, which includes nine mayors accompanied by their spouses, were invited to Jordan by the Jordan Society, which was established by Her Majesty Queen Noor to promote mutual understanding between the peoples of Jordan and the U.S.

This visit follows up an earlier tour made by a delegation from the U.S. Council of Churches, to



Minister of Industry and Trade Walid Asfour (Petra photo)

# Road transport accord made with Swiss

AMMAN (Petra) - The Jordanian Government Wednesday announced its approval of the international road transport agreement which is to be signed with Switzerland. The agreement, which will be signed at a future as yet unfixed date, aims at facilitating the transportation of goods by road, the unrestricted exchange of national commodities as well as helping the passage of travellers and tonrists between Jordan and Switzerland.

# Jordan, Iraq commercial centres' trade volume set at JD 13m for 1983

AMMAN (Petra) - Jordan and Iraq have agreed to strengthen mutual economic cooperation, increase the volume of trade, execute a joint industrial integration programme and increase their cooperation in telecommunications and irrigation, according to a trade and economic protocol signed in Baghdad Tuesday evening.

The agreement was signed at the end of talks beld in Baghdad by a Jordanian team led by Minister of Industry and Trade Walid Asfour and an Iraqi team led by

The two sides have agreed to fix the trade quota for their commercial centres operating in each

fair well in advance of the opening

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the signing of the agreement. Trade Minister Hassan Ali. He pointed out that last year

each ceotre's quota had been JD

Under the agreement Jordan

other's capital at JD 13 million

each for 1983, in addition to the

private trade between the two

countries, Mr. Asfour said after

and Iraq will also establish a joint Jordanian-Iraqi company for industry with an initial capital JD 20 million, Mr. Asfour said. The two countries, he added, will also increase the volume of Jordanian agricultural exports to Iraq, and officials and experts from both sides will meet to discuss steps to be taken to bolster cooperation in irrigatioo and telecommunicatioo

The Jordanian and Iraqi teams agreed to hold another meeting in the last quarter of this year to follow up the implementation of this agreement, Mr. Asfour said.

The mioister and his accompanying team returned to

Amman late Tuesday night.

#### Stiff penalties announced Businessmen invited to for drug related offences **Brussels Fair** AMMAN (Petra) — The military

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan will court Wednesday announced the take part in the Brussels Intseotences passed against 12 people for drug trafficking offeoces. Fathi Abu Shabaneh and ematiooal Fair which will opeo oo March 19. The Amman Chamber Ma'raouf Al Kurdi will be impof Industry received an invitatioo to participate in the 23-day fair and circulated the invitation to Jordanian businessmen and traders offering them the chance to participate in the fair. The chamber asked that samples of Jordanian products be forwarded to the organisers of the

risoned for five years with hard labour and was ordered to pay a JD 500 fine. Jabr Al Farisi will be jailed for four years and have to pay JD 1,500 while Yusuf Fudeh will be seot down for five years and pay a JD 500 fine. Mohammad Arab will be imprisoned for five years and have to pay JD

500, Mohammad Al Himsi will be

imprisoned for 15 years and be fined JD 3,000, 'Ogla Al Khalidi faces 15 years imprisonment and a JD 3,000 fine while Musa Al Ghneimat will be imprisoned for five years and have to pay JD 500. Also Abdul Razzaq Abu Al Ragheb will be imprisoned for seven years and ordered to pay JD 1,000, Ja'afar Abul Rahim will be imprisooed for seveo years and fined JD 1,000, and Mohammad Khreisat will be imprisooed for six months and with a JD 50 fine.

The military governor Wednesday eodorsed these seotences.

# Continued from page 1

# Arafat faces 'narrowed' options

talking to the PLO or setting up a Palestinian state.

PLO Political Department head Farouq Kaddoumi, in a statement to the PNC session Tuesday night, harshly criticised the Reagan plan which calls for Palestinian selfrule in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Mr. Kaddoumi's hard-hitting address, which also implicitly criticised Mr. Arafat himself, was greeted with loud applause.

Sources close to the PLO leadership said the address was likely to form the basis of the draft proposals to the PNC, though the final wording has still to be hammered out.

Moderates want to temper the

Menachem Begin have ruled out PLO's refusal to join the U.S. initalking to the PLO or setting up a tiative to show Washingtoo they Wednesday oo the third day of the are ready for peace. As the major power in the region, the Americans are too important to be ignored, they argue.

But militants say the PLO has nothing to gain from an administration which has failed so far to get Israeli troops out of Lebanon-let alone the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Mr. Kaddoumi recommended a rival peace plan, which calls for an independent Palestinian state while implicitly granting Israel a measure of security within pre-1967 borders, as the minimum acceptable.

Hardliners, headed by the Popular Front for the Liberation of

Wednesday oo the third day of the PNC sessioo, that even this Arab peace plan should be rejected. But it was not clear how far they would press their reservations.

Mr. Kaddoumi's statement aroused controversy among PNC members. One leading moderate described it as "lunatic and doc-But PLO sources said it was unl-

ikely that Mr. Kaddoumi. would have compiled his report without Mr. Arafat's knowledge.

Mr. Arafat's aides say the mere convening of the PNC has been a victory for Palestinian unity. And the arrival of all eight PLO commando groups was a victory for Mr. Arafat.

the Lebanese government. This was being discussed with the Leb-

The commander expressed coo-

cern at recent moves in South

Lebanon by a rival militia, the

Israeli-backed units of Maj. Saad

Haddad, which this week set up

garrisons with tanks and arm-

oured personnel carriers in two

He believed that Israel was

using Maj. Haddad to prepare for

the possibility that current neg-

otiations on the withdrawal of Isr-

aeli troops from Lebanon might

Israel is demanding security arrangements in South Lebanon,

including a limited presence of

Israeli troops, as the price for wit-

hdrawing the bulk of its men.

important towns.

anese government, he said.

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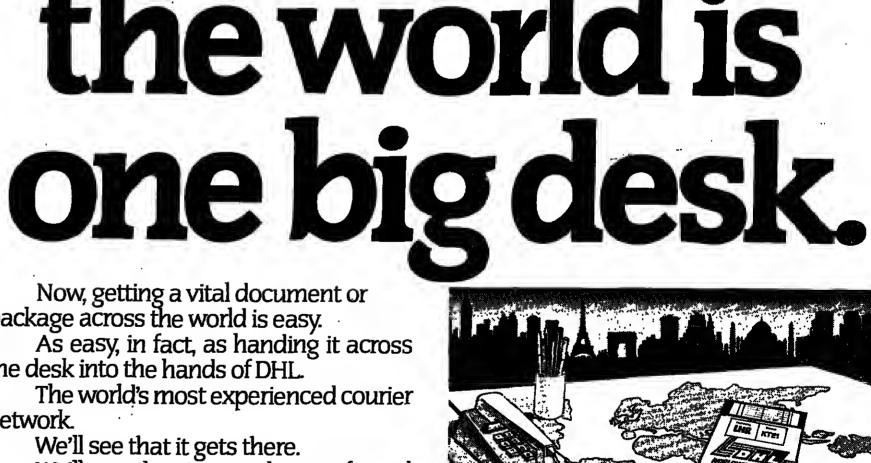
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# Car bomb kills 2 in east Beirut

armies on the soil of Lebanon, as long as the Lebanese army is not

capable of assuming its natural

role...we believe the reasons that

were behind the creation of the

Lebanese Forces as a military

body still exist," he told a press

The rightist militia forbade its

men to move around the capital in

uniform or to carry weapons, but

retained control over part of Bei-rur's scaport and still imposes a

variety of taxes on goods and ser-

vices in east Beirut-its prime soo-

the port was linked to the future of

all the other illegal ports in Leb-anon and to the issue of Lebanese

businessmen importing goods through Israel without paying dues to

Mr. Frem said the question of

Syrian-controlled eastern Leb-

Rightist demand

In the meantime, the commander of the main rightist militia in Lebanon, Fadi Frem, said his forces would continue to play a military role despite handing over security duties in east Beirut to the Lebanese army.

Mr. Frem, leader of the "Lebanese Forces" militia which stands charged by Israel with responsibility for the massacre of Palestinians last September, said: "Of course the fact that now it is the army which is in charge of east Beirut doesn't mean that there is no further military role for the Lebanese Forces.

"As long as there are foreign

Israeli minister promises to follow up report during the war. He continued:

rees of income.

He said that in neither of the other wars initiated by Israel, in here, and was investigated and is 1956 and 1967, was the gap bettherefore known to us, did not happen in other stages of our inv-

olvement?" he asked. It was not clear whether Mr. newspapers reported secret fee-lers aimed at bringing Prime Min-Rabin was implying that other atrocities had been committed by ister Menachem Begin's Likud Israel's Lebanese Falangists allies

It said the idea was to give Labour Party leader Shimon Peres the post of deputy prime minister, and Mr. Rabin a top portfolio. Pressure has grown for such a gov-

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Mr. Rabin said the findings of the commission that probed the "Did you know that this is how the war in Lebanon would develop September massacre had aroused when you took the decision to go grave worry in my heart" about in? Were these the results you the conduct of the eightexpected? The length of the war? month-old Lebanon invasion in Its price?" general. "Can we be sure what happened

> ween expectations and results so As parliament convened, Israeli

bloc and the Labour Party together in a wall-to-wall "national unity government."

Yedioth Ahronoth said Interior Minister Yosef Burg, whose Natiocal Religious Party (NRP) is Mr. Begin's senior coalition partner, had initiated the feelers.

ernment to heal the split in the nation over the massacre report and the ouster of Ariel Sharon,

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to ask about news from home.

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ends, wanted to impress them

with his knowledge. "Things

back home are bad," he said. In

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# Dahariya schizophrenia

LONG indeed are Israel's democratic arms. First, a way was found to appoint a judicial manission to investigate the responsibility of ite israeli army in standing guard to those who were butchering hundreds of Palestinian refngers in their Beirut camps last September. i in a none other than that army is in perfect

gal" shape to seal off thousands of Palinians in a West Bank town for the past weeks, ordering them to stay in their a mas day and night except for two hours in 🌣 . 2/1977.002 when they are allowed out to buy

Today, Israeli democracy is at its best of coursy. The judicial commission of judge Nahen has ruled that the Israeli army was perfectly entitled to enter west Beirut after the assassination of Lebanese President-elect Bashir Gemayal but that only the defence minister and a few officers bore indirect responsibility for the Saora and Shatila massacres that followed. No doubt, the occupation of the West Bank is also for legitimate concerns about Israeli state security. And now, the threeweek-old military curfew imposed on the town of Dahariya near Hebron is to teach the Arabs an unforgettable lesson that they cannot throw stones at trespassing Jewish settlers' vehicles and to punish him or her who injured, with a rock, an israeli woman settler who died later

Just where was the Israeli army when som-

ebody threw a grenade at peaceful Israeli demonstrators, killing one and injuring several others, outside Prime Minister Menachem Begin's office last week? Wby did not the lawyer-soldiers of the Israeli Defence Force seal off Jerusalem to find the criminal? Was it because he did not look or sound Arab, or because his identity bore the marks of the untouchable Gusb Emunim gang?

But, again, not many Israelis will claim that their occupation of the West Bank and Gaza is democratic or should be. So, why the question? The answer is we do not know; but it seems that where we hear lond protests and cries of injustice, from the champions of buman rights in the United States and Western Europe, against the detention of one or more political activists in the Soviet Union or Poland, we see not one iota of concern for the 8,000 residents of Dahariya who have been detained en masse for the past three weeks by the so-called protectors of democracy and buman rights in the Middle

it is lucky that the Red Cross somehow knew about the town's three-week siege and visited its people twice since their ordeal began. We are also grateful that the 8,000 Palestinians still have some food to eat. What we cannot forget or forgive, bowever, is the double standards of the buman rights champions around the

# JORDAN'S ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i: PNC must respond to Jordanian-Palestinian moves

The current events in the occupied West Bank, particularly in Nablus and Dabiryah represent a perfect example of Israel's inhuman practices against our kinsmen. This amounts to a bid to subdue them to the will of the occupying Zionist force.

At the same time our kinsmen's heroic resistance can only serve as a message to the Palestine National Council (PNC) now holding its sessions in Algiers. This message should be clearly heard and understood by the PLO leaders because of its substance and charity. It represents a call for speedy action to save the occupied Arab land and liberate the Arah people from Israeli occupation.

Al Dustour: PNC meeting a success

The presence of so many delegates at the current Palestine National Council (PNC) meetings in Algiers and everyone's concern to maintain national unity free from all outside pressure is one of the

PNC's successes so far.

Needless to say the PLO leader's speech has created the right conditions for the session's suc-

cess, and presented to the world a picture of a Palestinian people that wants peace based on jus-

The current Palestine National Council's session in Algiers has been characterised by positive thinking. and a commitment to independent decisionmaking and unity of action. This approach will free the Palestinian leaders from constraints and enable

them to make responsible decisions. The conference decisions should be purely a Palestinian affair, taking into consideration the sufferings of the Palestinian people and calls from

The Jordanian and Palestinian leaderships have responded positively to our people's calls and have embarked on practical steps to cementing and coordinate the building of a common future for the two peoples through a confederal state.

Jordan, for its part, has emphasised its stand to the PNC through its National Consultative Council Speaker's speech, which stressed this special bond.

Now it is the turn of the PNC to come up with an initiative which will strongly back the Jordanian-Palestinian moves and so help the drive to save our

tice. This has no doubt foiled Israel's attempts to present the PLO to the world as a group of ter-

By extending its hand to the world asking for peace and justice, the PLO is making the superpowers face up to their responsibilities, and their duty to force Israel to recognise the Palestinian people's rights and to withdraw from all the Arah lands it now occupies.

Sawt Al Shaab: Military option no longer available to PNC

within the occupied lands for help and action to save the land and liberate the people.

The military option which the Palestine Liberation Organisation adopted in Lehanon and the hattles of Beirut is now no longer viable.

However there are other alternatives on the political scene that can ensure a liberation of the Arab land. Indeed the doors remain open for responsible and hrave action to achieve our goals.

# The White House tries to convince

Congress to increase IMF contribution

# Reagan changes attitudes

By Andrew Nibley

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WASHINGTON — The world debt crisis, with its painful implications for America's major banks, has significantly altered President Reagan's thinking about the role and merit of global lending agencies. In the autumn of 1981, Mr.

Reagan told a joint meeting of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank that the Third World should not expect unlimited aid from industrial countries. The president, in a speech that sounded like a lecture, told developing countries they needed to tighten their belts economically to reduce runaway global inflation and build a lasting foundation for world prosperity.

He also said the United States was committed to reducing its budget deficit and therefore could not be counted upon to keep increasing its contributions to IMF and World Bank.

While the president was lecturing, his treasury department was carrying out a study to determine whether the two institioos were making effective use of their funds. Furthermore, the American representative to the IMF refused that year to support a \$5 hillion loan to India.

These developments fit in with the oresident's long-time conservative goal of reducing the role of government in people's lives. What has come as something of a shock is the new attitude the Reagan administration bas developed toward global lending agencies within the past year. Instead of resisting IMF loans to major developing countries, the White House has taken an active role in promoting them.

The president announced on a recent Latin American trip that the United States was providing a \$1.2 billion bridging loan to Brazil to tide the debt-burdened country over until IMF assistance could

Treasury Secretary Donald Reagan has already begun lobbying a reluctant Congress to approve a substantial increase in U.S. contributions to the IMF. What has happened over the past two years to change the Reagan administration's outlook so dra-

The global economy slumped deep into recession. Commodity prices plunged. Interest rates soa-

red. The develping countries and the big American and European banks got caught in between.

Sceptics and critics say that only when it became apparent some U.S. banks were in trouble did the Reagan administration begin to change its view on the importance of the IMF.

Others say that even before the debt problems of Mexico, Poland, Brazil and Argentina became highly publicised, the White House was beginning to realise it had underestimated the extent of the inter-relationship of various economies and the valuable role the IMF plays in maintaining equilibrium. Regardless of exactly when the administration changed its mind, it committed itself at this week's meeting of the IMF policy-making interim committee to raise U.S. contributions to the lending agency by \$8.4 billion to

The White House now finds itself in the unfamiliar position of trying to convince Congress to approve a big increase in IMF contributions. Two years ago it was urging the same legislative body to hold the line on global aid inc-

M. Mitterrand

sident Charles de Gaulle. The minister's aides are playing

down the implication of his fiveday trip, which began on Wednesday, commenting that he has met Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko four times io different parts of the world.

By Charles Bremner

PARIS - France takes a step

towards mending fences with the

Kremlin this week when External

Relations Minister Claude Che-

vsson pays his first official visit to

Moscow since President François

Mr. Cheysson says Soviet pol-

cies over Afghanistan, Poland

and nuclear arms rule out any res-

toration of "harmonious, int-

imate" relations, a reference to

the privileged link forged by Pre-

Mitterrand took office in 1981.

But diplomats view the visit as a gesture of willingness by the French Socialist government to restore a level of political dialogue, broken off on Mr. Mitterrand's election in May 1981. Soviet rapprochement would be They say the Soviet Union is far helped by a solution at the U.S.from writing off President Mitterrand and sees a potential for medium-range missiles. Mr. rapprochement with his adm- Mitterrand has made a strong disinistration.

Soviet relations with the Mitterrand administration got off to a Moscow. That policy brought him bad start from the moment of the into sharp conflict with Was-1981 election because the Kre- hingtoo last year when President mlin's long-standing suspicion of Reagan imposed sanctions on two

tings of the interim committee of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has probably succeeded in convincing the USA to allow a 48 per cent increase of the IMF capital (from S66 billion up to almost \$95 bil-

lion). Poor and developing

countries do not feel that

this is enough. It is just a drop

Things are bad

world situation. This report.

which may turn out to be a new

sequel like the film Rocky, is

widely accepted in Europe.

However, it does not command

any tangible popularity in the

Moreover, the current mee-

in the bucket. This seems to be each and IMF members from poor countries want a \$10 billion everyone's impression of the economic situation prevailing increase in the Special Drawing in his own country. No-one seems to hesitate in taking very Rights (SDRs). These drawing drastic and unabashed decrights give the international isions to face the tough days community a possibility to caution which is going to make the world economic situation

Cheysson pays his first visit to Moscow

France mends fences

with the Soviet Union

Mr. Mitterrand.

the Socialist candidate combined

with miscalculation prompted it to

favour the outgoing president,

staunchly pro-Soviet Communist

Party are thought to have heeded

the Kremlin's advice and voted for

Mr. Giscard in the run-off against

After electoral defeat, the fin-

ding itself in the position of bel-

onging to a French government more hostile to the Kremlin on

East-West issues than any other

France came to play a pivotal

role in Moscow's relations with

the West after General de Gaulle withdrew from the NATO command in 1966 and distanced him-

self from the United States. With the emergence of detente and

West Germany's Ostpolitik in the 1970s, the relationship faded

under the presidencies of Georges Pompidou and Mr. Giscard until Mr. Mitterrand declared on taking

office that he would ahandon the

tradition of annual Franco-Soviet

summits while Soviet troops rem-

Possible summit

still not right but officials in Paris

do not rule out the possibility of a

summit with the Kremlin's new

leader Yuri Andropov, before the

With the military clampdown in

Poland on Dec. 13, 1981 he vir-

tually froze relations, accusing

Moscow of orchestrating events

there and tracing the Polish crisis

Mr. Mitterrand also spoke out

to the East bloc Communist sys-

against Soviet human rights pol-

icies and aligned France firmly

behind the NATO decision to dep-

loy new intermediate-range nuc-

lear missiles in Europe to counter

a build-up of new Soviet weapons.

Soviet talks in Geneva on the

tinction between political ties and

economic and other relations with

Diplomats say any Franco-

Mr. Mitterrand says the time is

ained in Afghanistan.

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tem as a whole.

for more than two decades.

Many hardliners from France's

Valery Giscar d'Estaing.

print money without a collateral. The SDRs are means to create payment means; they can not be used to settle payments directly. They are chips-not money. This scheme

of increasing the SDRs is vie-

and economic wed with skepticism by the ricb countries.

> The kind of international cooperation which was discussed at the Cancun Conference of 1981 and which lead to an increase in the capital of the World Bank did not bring a great promise. At that conference (held in Mexico and attended by about 24 heads of states representing south and north), the concept of "global negotiations" was refused. Instead, the delegates agreed to beef up world institutions-such as the IBRD (World Bank) and the IMF. Both of these institutions will exert a great deal of influence on the borrowing countries. They will be in a weak position vis-a-vis the lenders and contributors. However, neither one shall be able to give eno-

All the delegations to the many conferences held in order to recuperate the ailing world economy must now agree on one fact: Things hack home are bad and... and economic.

French-based firms working on

the Soviet natural gas pipeline

through which France is due to

Invoking national sovereignty,

watchword of French gov-

ernments for the past 25 years,

President Mitterrand argues that

there is nothing wrong with pur-

suing healthy trade provided

Frace does nothing to reinforce

Soviet military potential. "No

one, not even our best allies will

stop us," Mr. Cheysson said last

Mr. Andropov

two years.

hillion surplus in bilateral trade worth some \$4 billion, according

to French figures, and Mr. Che-

ysson will be pressing hard for firm

commitments to redress the bal-

ance during bis stay in Moscow.

month when Soviet Deputy Pre-

mier Yury Marchuk promised act-

ion to rectify the imbalance within

iet official to visit Paris since 1981,

was received by Mr. Mitterrand,

one of a series of gestures ind-

icating a tentative thaw in rel-

ations. Others included a decision

to go ahead with a flight by a

French cosmonaut on a Soviet

space mission last June, and visits

towards the end of last year by a

Socialist parliamentary group and

the ministers of industry and agr-

Mr. Marchuk, the highest Sov-

Paris won some satisfactioo last

Last year Moscow had a \$1.3

receive substantial supplies.

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"The lack of modern equipment is the biggest problem up here," said one U.S. officer observing the

with the Soviet Union apart from task of the Turkish third army. ces. The tale of outdated weapons after one of its former com- nches of the military and Turkey manders. Geoeral Kurtcebe frequently appeals to its allies for

Turkey has the largest standing army in NATO after the United States. Its 470,000 men, of whom 420,000 are cooscripts, are divided into four armies, the second largest of them here near the Soviet border. The largest, the first army, defends the Bulgarian border, where NATO sees the greatest threat of attack by Warsaw pact forces out to capture the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles str-

Kurtcehe Noyan-83 involved pose Bell belicopters are on order.

# By Jawad Ahmad | Lack of modern equipment big problem for Turkey's army

By Hugh Carnegy

AGRI. Turkey - As Western Europe argues over the proposed deployment of the latest in nuclear weapons, Turkey is defending one of the NATO alliance's two borders with the Soviet Union with badly outdated equipment. Weapons of World War II vin-

tage were used by the Turkish is covered with 30 to 50 cen-U.S. Vice President George Bush toured Europe to drum up support for deployment of Cruise and diers and civilians alike. Pershing-2 missiles.

The white-washed tanks chukilometres from the frontier, were cannon had still not been replaced by the 105 mm guns NATO and Turkish officers say they need.

There were no specialised assault helicopters, only limited ground-to-air missiles and just eight Milan tow wire-guided antitank missiles -- all regular NATO



equipment for countering armoured attack - among 250 artillery pieces in action. Out of over 400 vehicles involved in the exereise, only eight were specialised over-snow machines, and some of these were 15-year-old sno-

manouevres, "and you have to remember there is a Soviet army headquarters within 10 miles of the border commanding five div-north-south roads in the Soviet

Large Army

4,100 men. cost 97 million Tur-kish lira (\$500,000) and took place among the sweeping valleys and towering mountains that characterise this remote area of easitern Turkey which has a long history of conflict. Czarist, and later Bolshevik for-

ces occupied Agri four times between 1829 and 1918 in a series of fierce wars.

At this time of year, the ground army in a big winter exercise near timetres of snow and temthe Soviet border last week while peratures plunge as low as 35 degrees centigrade below zero. making conditions miserable for sol-The showpiece manoeuvre of

the exercise, an armoured assault rning across majestic. snow- repulsed by counter-attack inv-bound terrain near Agri, some 60 olving tanks, fighter planes, helicopters and ski-commandoes, American M-47s, a design first had to be called off because of fog, produced in 1943. Their 99 mm disappointing president and ship of the called off because of fog. disappointing president and chief of staff General Kenan Evren who had come to watch.

General Evren, accompanied by his four colleagues in the ruling National Security Council who together mounted Turkey's bloodless military coup in 1980, instead inspected ski-troops and temporary installations built for the exercise.

Many of the latter were impressive ice-houses used for everything from artillery emplacements to sleeping quarters. One extensive ice and tent complex was a field hospital housing an operating theatre where a man was having his leg treated. It had wards heated by stoves to comfortable room temperature and a dentist's surgery set up in an igloo. Although the final manoeuvre was cancelled. Turkish officers said the exercise as a whole had been a

## Valuable opportunity

But NATO observers said the final manoeuvre would have been a valuable opportunity to assess the forces taking part.

Some Western military sources said Turkish manoeuvres tended to be over-rehearsed and, alt-, hough logistically successful, did not test the soldiers as NATO war games are meant to. "I'm afraid some of the thinking is also out of date," said one source who cited as an example the shortage of border region which he said would Defending the 400 kilometres hamper a swift transfer of men and

In the meantime, NATO efforts that in northern Norway, is the go on to beef up the Turkish forwhich named last week's exercise and equipment extends to all braincreased aid to remedy the problems. The main military aid donor, the U.S., pn poses to provide \$468 million th 'year in assistance. President eagan increased this to 759 n llion in his

1984 hudget proposa . For the army, old M-47 and M-48 tanks are gradually being refitted with 105 mm guns and new diesel engines. According to the International Institute for Strategic Studies, more than half of the 70 West German Leopard tanks on order have been delivered. Several thousand antitank missiles and 27 general pur-

# LETTERS

# If it happened to you (What would you do?)

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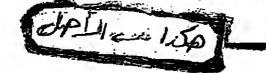
But one day they come to you Paper in hand It says you must give up your home and your land; You fight, you resist just to keep what is yours Next day you are homeless, with nowhere to go.

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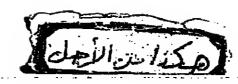
Freedom calls; raise your banner high 'Til the oppressors fall Lift it to the sky! Til Peace and Justice come to all in Palestine.

Living in London, New York or L.A. You're very secure there in most every way-But just a short plane ride, some hours away

People are tortured Because they refuse To submit to oppression; They've nothing to lose Their homes are being stolen, Even today If it bappened to YOU What would you do or say?



The nightmare is happening Every day:



# hat A Financial Times special feature looks at Europe's response to the unemployment crisis

# Europe cuts back work hours to save jobs

By Jan Hargreaves

LONDON — If you ask the man in the street, whether the street be in Manchester or Mannheim, how we should tackle the unemployment problem, the chances are that somewhere in his reply he will mention early retirement, shorter working hours, or both.
It is not difficult to see why. Ten

years ago, both these objectives were being pursued on social grounds, and there is B popular sense of instice in the old yielding to the young, the employed to the me-

But, of course, it is not easy as that. If you eliminate one job, you do not automatically create another. Indeed, broadly speaking. you will be lucky to create half a joh and more likely one-third at a time of rising productivity and stagnant demand. And even some of the jobs you create, perhaps a third of them, will be taken by non-registered unemployed, further reducing the political appeal of the action.

Then there is the cost. Actually calculated, German social security contributions will need to double in the next 50 years to meet existing commitments on old age pensions. And with non-wage labour costs over 40 per cent of payroll. German employers are already screaming that they can afford no more.

In Belgium and the Netberlands, the sticky moment has already come when benefits have had to be cut to make ends meet. In France, Unedic, the joint employer-union-government dole fund, has just collapsed, in part under the weight of a misguidedly generous early retirement plan. In Britain, where men retire at

65, and women at 60, the parliamentary Social Services Committee has just made a modest proposal to phase in a unified retirement age of 63, having been warned off more radical ideas hy official estimates that existing pension commitments will cost double the present level by the year 2031 and that to cut the retfrement age to 60 would cost an immediate £2.5 billion (\$3.9 hillion). Pensions and associated benefits already consume 17 per cent of Britain's public exp-

When it comes to shorter working hours, the arguments are no less intense. Employers throughout Europe complain that fewer hours would mean higher costs, lost competitiveness and so

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in the end fewer jobs. Europe's cerned, the pattern of change has has, no doubt, also been a factor in trade unions, meanwhile, have for long united in pursuit of a goal of a 35-hour week (a12.5 per cent cut for most countries) with no loss of earnings.

The sense of intellectual stalemate on the subject is compounded when the academic finings are explored. An immense, three-part study on working time by the Anglo-German Foundation, based on company surveys, concluded that shorter hours would be unlikely to create jobs.

Meanwhile, a host of econometric studies in different countries have found that cutting hours substantially, say by 10 per cent, would certainly produce short-term employment gains, but researchers disagree on whether these gains would be sustained over time as the competition fac-

The British Treasury's model (studying a two-hour cut) assnmed 75 per cent of the potential employment gain would be gobbled up by the country's uniquely overtime-hungry workers and by increased productivity. Only in the case where workers accept a matching pay cut was a durable cut in the unemployment figures (of 260.000 achieved.

A model run by two German universities, however, found that maintaining wages, and therefore demand, was the key to maximising employment, since such pressures induced employers to be more efficient.

The fact that the evidence is confused, however, scarcely discourages partisans from using it. Herr Karl-Otto Pohl, president of the Bundesbank, pointed out recently that German working hours were already lower than those of the U.S. and Japan.

Too much is said about the impact on increasing employment, which anyway is in doubt, and too little about who should and who can carry the costs," said Herr Pohl. Or as M Jean Sole, secretary-general of Belgium's Federation des Petites et Moyennes Entreprises, has put it: "The countries with the longest bours are those with the strongest economies."

In these circumstances, it may seen remarkable that there has been such steady drop in EEC hours (from 41.3 hours a week in 1975 to 40.7 hours in 1979) and that during the 1970s Belgium, the leader in this field, cut hours

by 16 per cent. So far as early retirement is concountry

At government level, Sweden six years ago created one landmark precedent by establishing the right to B partial pension for part-time working for 60year-olds to 64-year-olds. Offering 65 per cent (since cut to 50 per cent) of previous earnings, take-up was extremely high and the levy on employers which fun-

varied greatly from country to encouraging phased retirement deals in a number of overmanned, capital-intensive businesses, such as brewing and tob-

Siemens recently announced a phased retirement scheme for over-55s, on the grounds that such a course was cheaper than the DM 125,000 to DM 300,000 (\$51,000 to \$123,000) going rate to buy a German worker into complete

The unemployment crisis has kicked Europe into one of those quantum leaps in the organisation of working time which, sooner or later, will catch up with most of us.

ded it has had to be doubled. A survey suggested that just under half of the working hours "lost" to industry were made up with new employment.

The Germans, with a less strong right to work" approach than Sweden, went for a vigorous early retirement strategy after the first oil shock, so that Germany now has only 35 per cent of its male over 60s still in the workforce (see. table for comparisons). Four out of five Germans retire earlier than the official state age of 63, all of them on generous (65 to 70 per cent of earnings) pensions.

Dr. Gerhard Kuhlewind of the Federal Labour Research Institute (IAB) in Nuremburg argues that a further cut in the retirement age to 55 would produce 440,000 vacancies, The Chemical Workers Union has already suggested a possible 1 per cent cut in real wages to fund such a scheme, but other major unions, such as the metal-workers, are more interested in pressing their claim fora shorter week in this year's contract negotiations.

The SPD's official line is to cut the pension age to 58 and Chancellor Kohl bas already reaffirmed his commitment to lowering the retirement age. The chancellor, however, has suggested that those who retire early should have Blower pension which would then be topped up by the state from the money it saves from lower unemployment benefits.

early retirement. Last year, 55 per cent of workers retiring from Siemens departed on early retirement schemes.

The theme of German developments has been echoed in many other countries. In Britain the government has backed, and probably shortly expand, a scheme to pay higher pensions to older people who leave their jobs to make way for the unemployed.

Early retirement on generous terms is available at 62 in the Netherlands, although in that country. as in Sweden, a bizarre broadening of definitions of disability to include many long-term unemployed has led to the fact that almost three-quarters of the over-60s are receiving disability benefit -- another way of keeping the unemployment numbers

France, meanwhile, made the mistake of offering such generous pre-retirement pensions (the Garantie de Ressources) that it will actually save money next year by reducing the pension age to 60 and getting all new pensioners on the same standard, but still by British standards generous, pension

France is also leading the way. much to the borror of many employers, in reducing working hours, with a government commitment to a 35-bour-week hy 1985. Recently, however, M. Jean Le Gar-This leadership from the state said that this commitment dep- July.

ended upon three conditions: Europe-wide agreement on reduced hours; an improved intemational climate; and the success of the government's "solidarity contracts."

These contracts, 12,500 of which were signed in the first nine months of this year (covering 2.5 million people), were initially ext-, remely expensive because of the over-generosity of the Garantie de Ressources.

of these contracts involved early retirement at the staggering cost of Fr. 120,000 (\$17,400) a year (or Fr. 1.2 million over the ten years involved) per name taken off the unemployment register.

The result was that 97 per cent

The mark two contracts, just launched, aim to cut the cost -- the payment of a subsidy to the companies involved plus any benefit costs -- to between Fr. 20,000 and Fr. 40,000 a worker, and to stimulate deals on working hours, rather than retirement.

They also require that signatory firms agree to maintain their level of production after the contract. The government hopes the contracts will create over 80,000 jobs

Not surprisingly, many of the contracts so far have been with France's large public sector, where they function as a kind of loose-framed planning agreement. Typically workers are paid at 60 per cent of the normal rate for the hours they forgo.

In the private sector, SAB, the Amiens-based ubsidiary of a Swedish railway equipment company. concluded what the government considers a model agreement by negotiating a 35-hour week, new shift patterns, a 5 per cent drop in real wages except for the lowest paid, a 15 per cent increase in jobs and limits to absenteeism.

This approach of going for a sharp one-step cut in hours, rather than a phased cut, certainly is the most productive from the employment viewpoint, but it only works for capital intensive companies where new shift patterns can intensify equipment utilisation.

Last year's cut from 40 to 39 hours in Britain's engineering industry is widely considered to have created no jobs, although the French government claims the 70,000 jobs created by its one hour cut have been important in stabilising the country's unemployment rate --- the only EEC rec, the Employment Minister, country to achieve this - since

In the Netberlands and Belgium, the election of Conservative governments has done nothing to

deflect the state from pursuing

similarly dirigiste policies. In Belgium, a similar debate has been stimulated by the theories of Professor Palasthy of Louvain University, who argues that by working seven days a week with six-hour shifts, more workers would be absorbed and productivity rise because older machines would be abandoned. This has contributed to the government's official policy of trying to persuade unions and employers to trade a 5 per cent cut in hours for a 3 per cent cut in real wages.

M. Michel Hansenne, the labour minister, says he has no doubt that these cuts will be achieved and prove durable. "The drop in requirement for labour is definitive." he says.

The Dutch government is pushing along a similar line and recently backed with subsidies a deal between Vroom and Dreesman, the retailer, and its workforce for retirement at 571/2, a phased-in 36-hour week and a 2.5 per cent real pay cut. KLM, the airline, and several other companies have also concluded shorter time or joh splitting deals and the government itself has cut to 32 hours the week for entrants to the civil service. Job-splitting has also been tried. very successfully according to the company, at GEC of Britain, and the government recently agreed to a small subsidy plan to persuade others to follow suit. It may be that Britain's ext-

raordinary tradition of part-time working, to give job splitting its more mundane title, makes the country fertile ground for this approach. Mr. Christopher Johnson, the Lloyds Bank economist, has recently proposed that the government structure its tax cuts next year to foster part time work, which he believes could reduce unemployment by 2 million. Britain already has 44 per cent of all part-time workers in the EEC and stoutly blocking a European Commission iniative to tighten up the contractual rights of these

If, come the 1990s, there is a labour sbortage, as many still argue, Europe may come to regret this pattern of change. But there is little doubt that the unemployment crisis has kicked Europe into one of those quantum leaps in the organisation of working time which, sooner or later, will catch up with most of us.

# Randa Habibs

# Why pretend?

There is a very funny person in nne of the shops on Rainbow street. Not Jordanian, yet an Arab, this young man wants to be modern. While speaking just a few words of French he insists on using the language of Voltaire. The idea behind all this is, that he wants to sound "foreign", thinking that being a foreigner automatically means modern or different. As a result, one enters into this shop and barely manages to communicate with the salesman who insists nn not speaking

The other day, this is what happened with me: I went into this shop and asked the salesman a question in Arabic. He answers in an Arabic that is meant to be shaky and punctuated with French words. I therefore answer him in French and the salesman not expecting me to carry on a conversation in French stutters and asks me to speak slowly admitting that his French is not that good.

Very well, I told him, this is not a shame, but why do you insist nn speaking French? This is the idea of my boss, he answers in flawless Arabic, he believes that this attracts customers.

The snobbish owner has only managed to scare the clients nff with those few distarted French words. This is why people prefer to go to the neighbouring shop where "Ahlan wa sahlan" rings proudly and without any enmplexes. It is excellent to have bilingual nr trilingual sales persons but when a sales person pretends nnt to speak Arabic, this is too

# Opinion ——Al Ra'i

# Disappearing doctors

# By Hashem Khreisat

The migration of specialised doctors from the public sector to private hospitals and clinics is a phenomenon that has now reached a critical stage. The private sector has attracted great numbers of specialised doctors through better ncome, and the offering of better opportunities at the professional and administrative levels. The Ministry of Health, as well

is the University of Jordan, have witnessed a mass exodus of trained doctors with special qualifications, who openly complain about their low imcomes, and the routine procedures that characterise the service offered by the governmental medical hodies. The outcome is a chronic sho-

rtage of most specialised services, and the total absence of others. At created to satisfy the public needs.

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best, some medical specialisations have only one doctor, who is supposed to attend to thousands of patients that frequently need urgent treatment. The forced absence --- or sheer exhaustion -- of the doctor in such cases often leads to the revision of appointments given to patients, who find it impossible to wait.

This phenomenon necessitates a careful and serious study of medical services offered by the public sector to cope with the increasing demand on specialised med-ication. The Higher Health Couneil the Ministry of Health and the University of Jordan should be called upon to make it an urgent objective that conditions for sufficient specialised medication be

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# China invites Taiwan's athletes to train together for Olympics

PEKING (Agencies) — The Chairman of China's Olympic Committee has invited Taiwanese athletes to train together with its own athletes for the Olympic Games to be held in 1984 in Los Angeles, New China News Agency

(NCNA) reported Wednesday. NCNA said that Zhong Shitong, who is also chairman of the Chinese Sports Federation, made the invitation in a letter of spring festival greetings to mark the Chinese New Year.

He invited the Taiwanese sportsmen to "join forces with mainland athletes for the full blossoming of Chinese sports at a time when it shows such great promise of revitalisation."

NCNA said that Mr. Zhong also repeated Peking's invitation to Taiwanese athletes to take part in the China's fifth national games to

mpic Committee (IOC) vote banning Taiwan representatives from continuing to use the name "Repuhlic of China." Taiwan finally fell in line with the IOC decision by agreeing to stay in the International Olympic movement as the "Chinese Taipei

be held this year in Shanghai. China rejoined the int-

ernational Olympic movement in

1979 after an International Oly-

Olympic Committee." China says that Taiwan is an integral part of Chinese territory and that the Peking government is the sole representative of the Chi-

Despite rejoining the Olympic movement, China did not take part in the last Olympic games, held in Moscow in 1980, as a protest at the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan the previous year.

# Liverpool, United look set to meet in League Cup final

LONDON (R) - Despite two surprising results Tuesday oight, Liverpool and Manchester United still seem set to clash in the English Foothall League Cup final at Wembley next month.

the March 26 final despite a rare loss. The runaway League leaders went down 1-0 to Burnley, but after their 3-0 triumph in the first leg at home a week ago, they could afford a defeat in the rematch Tuesday night.

Manchester United. meanwhile, went a long way towards earning a place against Liverpool by blasting Arsenal 4-2 in London, and even though they conceded two late goals they should still wrap up the tie at home next

Wednesday. Liverpool's loss was their first in 15 matches and came on a Derek Scott goal after 54 minutes as Burnley refused to be cowed hy the prospect of overturning the

Though they ultimately failed to do so, they will have delighted 20,000 home fans who turned out to watch them. They should have

had a second and threw everythin: into a final assault which forced several excellent saves from Liverpool goalkeeper Bruce Gro-

bbelaar. United and Arsenal have a rec-Liverpool ensured their place in ent history of scoreless draws and the visitors has not won at Highbury for 15 years, but they put all

that behind them Tuesday night. They wasted no time going on the attack and constant pressure on the Arsenal goal saw them rewarded when Norman Whiteside scored after 19 minutes

Frank Stapleton, formerly of Arsenal, made it 2-0 two minutes before the half, with Whiteside playing a prominent part in the huildup, and Steve Coppell added a pair in the 61st and 67th min-

with a superb shot.

Tony Woodcock and Peter Nicholas salvaged some respectability for Arsenal in the last eight minutes, but they will bave a lot more

to do next week in Manchester. In the only first division match Tuesday night, Southampton defeated Notts County 2-1 in Not-

# Austin has trouble beating White

Tracy Austin had to struggle, but she managed to defeat Wendy White, 6-4, 6-3, in the first round of a \$150,000 tennis tournament here Tuesday night.

Martina Navratilova, seeded first, eliminated Ann Kiyomnra, 6-1, 6-3, while fourth-seed Pam Shriver defeated South Africa's Yvonne Vermaak, 6-4, 6-0. Sixth-seeded Sylvia Hanika of West Germany beat Kathy Jordan, 6-4, 6-2.

Austin, 20, plagued by hack problems for nearly two years before finding a cure six mooths

CHICAGO (R) — Third-seeded ago, jumped into a 5-0 lead in 15 minutes, only to see it disappear as White won four straight games. Austin hung on to take with the

But things soon became difficult again for Austin in the second set, with White taking a 2-0 lead. Austin levelled the score and then went ahead, 4-2, before White held serve to make it 4-3. Austin took the next two games for the match.

"She played real well," Austin said of her opponent. "She doesn't make any errors. She makes you concentrate all the time."

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# Barcelona on top without their stars

MADRID (R) — Spain's flashiest football club Barcelona had to wait until they lost both their star players to reach the top of the Spanish League.

Not only did they lose \$8.8 million Argentine superstar Diego Maradona with hepatitis eight weeks ago, but they also bad West German international Bernd Schuster suspended last week for three matches after arguing with a

Yet last weekend, minus their costly imports, Barcelona took over at the top of the First Division, overhauling arch-rivals Real Madrid after 22 League games.

They won again two nights ago, beating Malaga 2-1 to keep the lead on goal average ahead of Real and Athletic Bilbao. All bave 35 points and 10 games each left Barcelona were stuck in third

place for most of the season despite a spectacular 2-0 away win against Real Madrid in November. They have not won the Spanish League title since 1974, the sea-

son they bought magical Dutch player Johan Cruyff for a world

Real Madrid have picked up the League trophy five times since Barcelona's last triumph. while Real Sociedad slipped in to clinch the title for the second year in a row last season when Barcelona threw it away after it looked as good as won.

But despite the dearth of trophies, the multi-millionaire Catalans bave never been out of the limelight. Squabbles, rumours and hig spending have kept public attention focused on a club accused of trying to huy their way to suc-

They won the European Cup Winners Cup in 1979 and last year hut made few friends with the brutally uncompromising approach they exhibited-most recently in their "Supercup" defeat by Eoglish European Champions Aston Villa last month.

In his five seasons as club presideot, Jose Luis Nunez has been through six managers in Barcelona's obsessive quest for suc-cess. The contract of West German incumbent Udo Lattek ends in June and club sources say there is very little chance it will be ren-

Lattek has had to live for

# Arguello renounces title to step up to heavier weight

MEXICO CITY (R) - World that he was giving up the lig-Boxing Council lightweight champion Alexis Arguello of Nicaragua has renounced his title to step up to a heavier weight division, the WBC announced here

Arguello was scheduled to meet Vilomar Fernandez of the Dominican Republic in a non-title ligbtweight bout this month. But he said in a letter to the WBC in which he pulled out of that bout

htweight title because he no longer could make the 135-pound (60 kgs) weight limit.

Last November he lost to World Boxing Association light welterweight champion Aaron Pryor of the United States in a hid for that title. He has already won the featherweight, superfeatherweight and lightweight tit-

# Leading table tennis nations to meet in Tokyo for World Championships

ions, including defending champions China, will compete in the 37th World Table Tennis Championships starting in Tokyo on April 28, the organising committee said Wednesday.

The committee said so far 590 players and officials from 47 nations and regions had agreed to take part in the championships.

An official said the committee believed the number of participating nations would increase

TOKYO (R) - Most of the to about 60 before the com-

The committee said the Chinese team included Gun Yuehua and Cai Zhenhua, the reigning World Champion and runner-up in the men's singles and Tong Ling and Cao Yanhua, the world's women's singles champion and runner-up.

It said other participating nat-ions included Hungary, South Korea, Czechoslovakia, France, England, the Soviet Union and West Germany.

# Barcelona appeals against UEFA fine

BERNE (R) — The Spanish soccer club Barcelona has lodged an appeal against the 60,000 Swiss franc fine imposed by the European Football Union (UEFA) last Friday, the UEFA said Wednesday. The disciplinary committee imposed the fine on the club following incidents during the match against England's Aston Villa in the

second leg of the European Sopercup final last mnnth. At the same time the UEFA slapped a han oo four Barcelona players for a total of 12 UEFA matches.

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months with rumours that Cesar Luis Menotti who led Argentina to triumph in the 1978 World Cup, was about to replace him-cause for the latest friction between the manager and his bos-

Nunez's top priority is winning the League title and there seems to be no limit to the amount of money available to secure his ambition. He has spent 1.57 billion pesetas (about \$12 million) on huying players-most of it on

With the most expensive items on the team inventory off the field, Barcelona played fast, exhilarating football in their 3-0 win over local rivals Espanol last Sun-

The players emerged from the shadow of Maradona and Schuster and played with initiative and relaxed confidence. If they perform that way again without Schuster, Lattek may have to rethink his str-

As the tussle for the championship hears up. fans are looking forward to the return clash between Barcelona and Real' Madrid on March 27: With only. four more League matches after. that, it could prove decisive.

## S.T. Gordon makes 1st defence of title

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey (R) - S.T. Gordon makes the first defence of his World Boxing Council cruiserweight title when he meets 37-year-old fellow-American Jesse Burnett at the Meadowlands arena here

Wednesday night.
The scheduled 12-round bout will be the first title fight ever held at Meadowlands, across the Hud-

son River from Manhattan. Gordon, 23, has won 11 straight fights, 10 by knockout. He won the 195-pound WBC title when he knocked out Carlos Deleon of Puerto Rico in the second round last June 17. His overall record is 22-5 record with 20 knockouts. Burnett has woo 23 bouts, lost 14 and fought two draws, with 10 knockouts.

# New French soccer club launches campaign to promote its image

PARIS (R) — A new French soccer club nursing high European ambitions has taken the unprecedented step of launching an advertising campaign to belp promote its image.

has splashed posters on 2,500 prime spots in the Paris area in a two-week drive to attract att-

Second division Racing Paris 1

Their slogan is simple: "Win and convince" (vaincre et convaincre). They are the first club in French soccer history to resort to such a campaign.

"Our aim is clear: To make ourselves known hut, above all, to win promotion to the first division as soon as possible and give Paris a second major team along with Paris Saint-Germain," managing director Serge Guyot told Ren-

Paris Saint-Germain, the French Cup holders and the first successful Parisian team since the early 1960s, line up in the quarter-finals of the European Cup Winners' Cup next month and are pushing for a place for the European Foothall Union (UEFA) Cup next season.

Paris Racing I was formed a few months ago on the ruins of the defunct Paris football club and bears one of the most prestigious names in French sport-the Racing Club de France, which celebrated its centenary last year. The club, which has an annual

budget of eight million francs (\$1.16m) is the brainchild of lean-Luc Lagardere, one of the country's most successful businessmen, who Guyot said wanted to huild "a team worthy of Paris."

Home for the team is France's biggest stadium, the recently-renovated 60,000-seat Stade de Colombes in the western outskirts

But it could share the Parc des Princes with Paris Saint-Germain next year, Guyot said.

"With an average of only 2,000 spectators this season, we can't afford to remain in the second division. Although Lagardere and his group are ready to spend a lot of money, they obviously expect results, the only way to become crowd-pullers," he said.

Racing Paris 1 is currently fourth in the second division, five points behind leaders Rennes.

no gimmick, Guyot stressed. There is no reason why you shouidn't promote a soccer club like any other commercial item," he

Although club officials were reluctant to give a figure. advertising experts reckon such a campaign could cost around 800,000 francs (\$160,000).

We hope this campaign will become a landmark because it is our ambition to be innovative. using today's sophisticated means of communication and shake to the somewhat rigid habits of the French soccer world," he said,

The club, with a pool of 16 players and no recognised star, has recruited trainer Alain de May. igny, who helped manager Michel Hidalgo take France to fourth piace in last year's World Cup fin.

Guyot is full of praise for Martigny, who he calls "one of the best this country."

Guyot believes in his product, predicting the club will play in the first division within three years and make its mark in Europe soon

# Hooper's rocket-serves oust Kriek from U.S. indoor tennis

MEMPHIS, Tennessee (R) -Chip Hooper continued his awesome serving, coming up with 14 aces to beat defending champion Johan Kriek, 6-4, 6-4, in the second round of the U.S. National Indoor Tennis Championships Tuesday.

The unseeded Hooper also used is rocket-serves to get 22 aces in his first-round match against Marcos Hocevar of Brazil on Monday.

Kriek was able to break Hooper's serve in the second game of the match after losing his own, but that was as close as he came for the remainder of the 85-minute

In the final set, Kriek was able to reach deuce for the only time in the last game, Hooper got the decisive service

break in the seventh game of the first set and in the ninth game in "Everybody knows that I can serve really hig, but running aro-

und the court and keeping the ball

in play 10 times I think maybe upset the guys a little bit." Hooper Also in the second round topseeded Jimmy Connors saved two setpoints and won the last five games to beat Tim Wilkison, 6-3,

In the second set the acrobatic Wilkison had Connors 2-5 down with a double setpoint at 15-40. But Wilkison missed the first sct-point on a backhand shot and then Connors got a cross-court winner to escape and pull the match his

It took a questionable call in the ninth game to seal Wilkison's downfall. The score was deuce when Wilkison served an apparent ace to Connors' forehand and caught him flatfooted, but the ball

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Clearly upset by this call, Wilkison double-faulted and then lost his serve as Connors hit a forchand return winner. Connors won 12 of the last 13

points, clinching the match with two successive love games. In other second-round Paul McNamee of Australia beat

13th-seeded Jimmy Arias, 6-1... 6-1: Henri Lecoote of France. despite spraining his ankle in the second set, beat 16th-seeded-Kevin Curren of South Africa, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2: 12th-seeded Sandy Mayer beat Vijay Amriiraj of India, 6-0, 6-1: and 14th-seeded. Tomas Smid of Czechoslovakia beat Robert van't Hoff, 6-2, 6-1;

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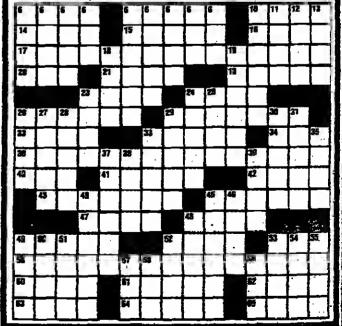
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# ECONOMY

# European Commission favours summit of Mediterranean states

BRUSSELS (R) - The European Commission is in favour of a summit conference of Western Mediterranean states that would concentrate on problems raised by enlarging the European Community, commission officials said Wednesday.

President Francois Mitterrand of France, concerned by the repcrcussions for Southern Europe of entry by Spain and Portugal into the Community, proposed the idea of a Mediterranean littoral summit while on a visit to Morocco last month. It has not been decided which countries should attend.

The officials said such a meeting would be one step in helping to ease strains on all Mediterranean countries whose exports of fruits and vegetables to the Community would largely be replaced by the same products from Spain and Portugal.

The commission is holding talks with those countries, mainly Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, Israel, Malta and Cyprus, in parallel with negotiations on Spanish and Portuguese entry, as requested by the 10 Common Market foreign ministers last month.

A spokesman said commission vice-president Mr. Lorenzo Natali is in Egypt to discuss the problem. Tuesday, Italian Prime Minister Amintone Fanfani and Spanish Foreign Minister Fernando Moran said they favoured the summit.

## LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) - Equities drifted lower through lack of support ahead of the account-end with most interest seen in the new Associated British ports issue, dealers said. The F.T. index at 1500 Wednesday was down 9.2 at 652.7.

Associated British Ports opened at 129 and in beavy trading advanced to 138, a premium of 26p on the issue price.

Government bonds fluctuated throughout the session before elosing around 1/4 point higher as sterling firmed slightly and as the market reacted favourably to early comments from Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Voicker, in his congressional testimony,

Banks recovered towards the close with Natwest off 1p at 515 after 510 following reports that London banking sources do not think that it is planning an early rights issue. Oils edged off the lows with B.P. unchanged on halance at 322.

Beecham was down 5p at 368 after 365 on news it is to close various distilleries. In stores, UDS was down 1p at 109 after Tuesday's increased hid offer from Bassishaw, and Burton fell Ip at 319 on fears the retail chain deal with UDS may collapse. Leading industrials recovered slightly in late trading with ICI

off 2p at 392 after 386 and Lucas down 1p at 148 after 147. Gold shares turned mixed despite the firmness of bullion.

# LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the huying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

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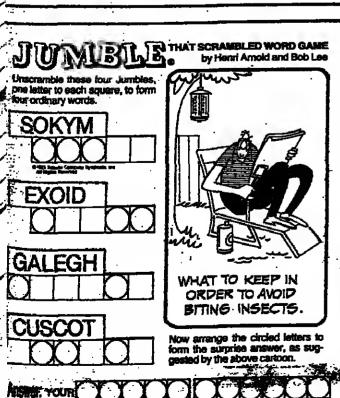
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# **NEWS IN BRIEF**

# Shultz urges private banks to lend

WASHINGTON (R) — U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz said Tuesday a steep drop in private bank lending to countries with high deht would impetil their recovery and retard world economic expansion. He said estimates for the second half of last year showed a precipitous drop in new lending. He gave no precise

# UAE has highest per capita income

ABU DHABI (OPECNA) - The United Arah Emirates has the highest per capita income in the world at \$30,070, according to the Washington-based Population Reference Bureau. Last year the UAE was one of the few oil-producing countries with a halance of payments surplus, despite falling oil prices.

## U.K. expected to cut oil price

LONDON (R) — Britain is expected to cut the price of its North Sea oil on Friday in the first such move by a major producer in the present oil glut crisis, industry sources said Tuesday.

# Senior Polish bankers resign

WARSAW (R) — A second senior official of Poland's Bank Handlowy has resigned, banking sources said Tuesday. They said Mr. Jan Woloszyn, the vice president who has played a key personal role in renegotiating Poland's huge foreign debts, was leaving the bank Wednesday with the president, Mr. Stanislaw Kobak, whose departure was revealed earlier.

## More U.S. firms cut oil price

NEW YORK (R) — Two more U.S. oil companies Tt. sday cut by \$1 a harrel the price they pay for domestic crude oil. Larathon Oil in Findlay, Ohio, and Ashland Oil in Ashland, 1 attacky, matched the euts announced by Texaco, Phillips Petroleum and other U.S. companies.

# Turkey remodels gold price setting

ANKARA (R) - Turkey Tuesday changed the method of setting its official gold price, apparently opening the way for a reduction in Bosphorus and Dardanelles straits transit fees which were raised tenfold last November.

# Qatar to extend compost plant

DOHA (OPECNA) — A Swiss firm has been contracted to help expand the Qatar compost plant, increasing its production capacity to 300 tonnes of fertiliser daily by the end of the year. Also planned is a \$2 million facility for compressing and transporting solid refuse used as feedstock for compost. A British company is expected to complete this project by next August.

# FAO helps Saudi fisheries project

JEDDAH (OPECNA) - The Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) is helping in a Saudi fish-hreeding project to improve commercial exploitation of the kingdom's fisheries res-

# Democrats angers White House

WASHINGTON (R) — Democratic congressional leaders have angered the White House by leaking details of the Reagan administration's plans for a \$7.5 hillion emergency johs, food and shelter assistance programme. Opposition party leaders hriefed reporters on the proposal, which administration officials presented to them at a secret meeting last week.

# Oman denies bid to sell oil below official price

BAHRAIN (R) — Oman Wednesday denied that it was offering to sell its oil helow the official

price of just over \$34 a barrel. An Omani oil ministry spokesman told Reuters by telephone from Muscat that reports that the sultanate appeared to be offering a \$4 discount on the official price were wrong.
Informed oil industry sources in

the Gulf said Tuesday that Oman had reopened talks with its oil company customers on cutting the

price of its crude. They added Wednesday that

negotiations were continuing. Oman wanted a fixed price for the whole of 1983 hut the eustomers were reluctant to become locked into a level that might appear high later in the year, they said.

Gulf oil ministers are widely expected to meet soon to devise a strategy for dealing with the world glut that the industry believes will include a \$4 eut in prices. In Duhai, United Arah Emi-

rates (UAE) Finance Minister Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid was quoted Wednesday as saying that if the oil crisis continued it would bring down the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

"The continuation of the oil crisis and the absence of a unified production and pricing policy will lead to OPEC's disintegration," he told the newspaper Al Bayan, adding that the problem would last for at least another six months. He said he did not expect the UAE's 1983 hudget to be ser-

iously affected by falling oil rev-

enuc. The effects were still manageable and it was unlikely that the country would introduce inc-

The time had come for the UAE to review its foreign aid programme, he said.

The real cause of the problem was that some OPEC members had in the past produced three times more oil than necessary and this had raised the level of world oil stocks, he added.

A leading Ahu Dhabi new-spaper Wednesday hlamed the United States for the oil crisis and urged the Arabs quickly to withdraw investments from American hanks before the oil market collapses.

Al Wahda daily said the United States had planned to make the oil producers dependent on American aid as they were before oil was discovered.

"The crisis has almost reached the point of a catastrophe, with no oil state being able to pursue its development plans. As a remedy, deposits and investments in hig American hanks should be withdrawn and reinvested locally, with greater security and profitability," Al Wahda said.

# China plans to launch communications satellite PEKING (R) - China plans to been considering huying a \$200

launch its first communications satellite this year in a major boost for its space programme, the People's Daily reported Wednesday.

The official newspaper said the main purpose of the satellite would be to gain experience and gather data, as well as a operform experiments in telephone communications and radio and television broadcasting.

industry sources said the satellite would also have important military applications, as if successful it could enormously improve communications hetween China's far-flung army units.

The People's Daily said in a two-sentence announcement that the satellite would remain in a fixed position relative to the earth at 70 degrees east above the Equator-over the Indian Ocean. It gave no date for the launching.

China has launched 12 satellites into space since 1970, all involving much less sophisticated teehnology than a communications

Industry sources said China had

million satellite communications system-from the United States, but these plans had since been shelved because of economic cuthacks as well as political problems in transferring such advanced technology to a communist country. ained detailed technical information on the satellite from the U.S. during the negotiations, and had no de

used this in designing their own Last July China announced that it was developing a launch vehicle

aimed at putting satellites into orbit or sending a large-scale rocket into space. Diplomatic sources said the

three-stage CZ-3 vehicle would be powered by liquid propellant and would probably use similar technology to the intercontinental ballistic missiles China has already launehed.

Industry sources said use of a satellite would give a powerful boost to military communications which are at present extremely primitive.

# Soviet economy shows progress

Union published key economic indicators Wednesday which showed a marked increase in productivity and output last month compared with January last year.

Western economic analysts here said a vigorous efficiency drive by Soviet leader Mr. Yuri Andropov might have been translated into concrete results hut they also said last year's figures could have been unusually had.

The figures were contained in a monthly report on industrial production in the weekly Ekonomicheskaya Gazeta, which said industrial output had increased by 6.3 per cent and labour productivity by 5.5 per cent in Jan-uary compared with the same period last year.

The figures failed to appear in last year's January report on the Soviet economy, which also omi-

MOSCOW (R) - The Soviet tied comparisons with January 1981.

> The report published by the Soviet central statistics hoard said the plan for the first month of 1983 had been fulfilled by 101 per cent and detailed figures showed slight increases in output in a range of industries.

Steel production rose to 13 million tonnes from 12.4 million in the same period last year.

Oil production increased slightly to 12.65 million harrels per day (b/d) from 12.36 million (b/d) and gas output increased to 46.2 hillion cubic metres from 42.6 hillion in the same month last year.

Electric power output increased to 132 hillion kwh from 129 hillion and coal production rose to 61.8 million tonnes from 61.7 mil-

FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, FEB. 17, 1983

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A wonderful day to make an advancement in career activities, but be sure not to force your will on othera. You can easily extend your ideas beyond present boundaries now.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Extend your interests so you can gain more profits in the future. Be less demanding of family members. Express happinesa. TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Take the right stepa to

improve your financial position. A new project needs more atudy before going ahead with it. GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Schedule your activities

wisely so you get maximum use of your time. Be sure to use extreme caution in motion today. MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) You can now

understand how to improve your financial position so don't waste valuable time. LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Go after your finest personal

aims and you can easily gain them. Sidestep a foe who could spoil your happiness. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Study your ambitions well now and don't confide in others. Show more affection for

mate. Many benefits can come now. LIBRA (Sept: 23 to Oct. 22] Go after personal aims with more enthusiasm and effort and you can easily gain them. Be alert at all times today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You are now able to get the backing you need from a higher-up. Be sure to keep promises you've made to friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You can make a good impression on others by showing you are honest and decent. Relax at home tonight.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Be more objective in dealing with others where business matters are concerned or you could jeopardize your security.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Be sure to keep the promises made to family membera. Come to a better accord with associates. Think constructively. PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Go after your aims in a

positive manner and get excellent results. Contact loyal friends who can be belpful to you. IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he or she will

be capable of comprehending a great deal of knowledge, so give the finest education you can afford and there can be much success. Don't neglect religious tenets that are important to a good way of life. "The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make

of your life ia largely up to you!

### FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, FEB. 18, 1983 GENERAL TENDENCIES: An excellent day and

avening for you to rely more upon your prophetic insight. Advancement can now be gained by looking into activities that have not been part of your life. ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Your success can be in-

creased if you seek the guidance of experience persons. Exercise extreme caution in travel. TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) You know exactly how to make a better impression on the one you love, so follow

through on such. Don't neglect duties. GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Formulate a plan wherehy you can ascertain what your true position is with

associates. Cooperate more with co-workers. MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21] Taka care of routine tasks that need doing instead of procrastinating. Take time to improve your appearance.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) If you study the details concerning entertainment plans you have, you can be succaaaful with them later. Use common sense. . VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Gain the viewa of family

members and than make your home more comfortable. Happiness can be yours for the asking. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You are able to entertain

friends today after your work is done and have a delightful time. Plan your activities wisaly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You are in need of more income now and will be inspired just how to get it. Consult an expert before making any decisions. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Plan for tomor-

row's activity during apare time today. Attending a social affair tonight can be beneficial. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Coordinate new ideas

with the plans you have in mind. Help good friends who in turn can be of service to you. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) If you show good.

friends that you value the alliance, you will gain their loyalty. Show increased devotion to loved one. PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Put aside personal matters and handle civic affairs in a most efficient way. A quiet

and restful evening ia best for you.

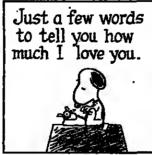
IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY . . . be or abe will have many good ideas developing early in life. It is wise to plan a fine education that will include the study of foreign language and philosophy. There is likely to be much travel in foreign countries in this chart.

"Tha Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

# Peanuts



Mutt 'n' Jeff



























# Drought in Ethiopia reportedly Saddam's letter urges Iranians to end war takes on disastrous proportions BAGHDAD (R) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has appealed to Iranians to end the 29ealed to Irani

NAIROBI (R) — Tens of thousands of people could die and more than three million others are threatened with food shortages in Ethiopia's worst drought for 10 years, a senior aid worker said

Mark Bowden, regional advisor of the Save the Children Fund (SCF), told Reuters after a visit to Ethiopia that the drought was reminiscent of a similar situation there in the early 1970s when more than 200,000 people died.

The SCF is working closely with the Etbiopian Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC), which said Tuesday that the drought afflicting several parts of the country was as severe as in 1974.

Mr. Bowden, who worked in Ethiopia in the 1970s, said that the most seriously-afflicted areas were the rugged regions of Wollo. Tigray and Gondar, north of Addis Ahaha.

"It is fair to say that tens of thousands of lives are at risk, men. women and children, and famine is a real risk for 3.5 million people in these areas." he said in an interview.

Mr. Bowden said the danger signs were that tens of thousands of

people were leaving the drought-stricken areas for relief centres carrying practically nothing and were living "beside the road without a roof over their heads."

They will be utterly destitute in a way that just does not happen in Africa. They have come with absolutely nothing." Mr. Bowden

The afflicted areas are up to 4,000 metres above sea level "and are a breeding ground for pneumonia, bronchitis, and lice-bred typbus. Measles epidemics are a possibility." Mr. Bowden added. In addition to the difficulty of the terrain, autonomy-seeking gue-

rrillas of the Tigray Peoples Liberation Front (TPLF) were operating in parts of Tigray province, he said. The Ethinpian government has appealed for urgent relief aid to

stave off potential disaster in areas it says are hit by natural catastrophe and "civil disturbance." an apparent reference to guerrilla

Mr. Bowden said emergency aid was coming through. The British government is to give £100,000 (\$150,000) and the SCF is to spend an identical amount, he added.

# 'I am God when I get paid for it'

LOS ANGELES (R) - Comedian George Burns, who starred in the film "Oh, God" was told by a lawyer during a brief court appearance Tuesday "I never crossexamined God before."

"I am only God when I get paid for it." the 87-year-old Burns rep-

Burns was giving evidence for the defence in a case concerning the late Groucho Marx whose companion, actress Erin Fleming, is being sued for \$1.68 million hy the Bank of America.

The bank alleges she obtained \$400,000 from Marx and syndication rights to his television shows by exerting undue influence over him. Witnesses have said that he was afraid of Miss Fleming.

But Burns said Tuesday Marx never stopped singing at parties he gave with her.

Burns said he attended at least six large gatherings at Marx's home during the final six years of the comedian's life and Marx always appeared to he happy.

# Assam polls 2nd round starts today

NEW DELHI (R) - India's while Wednesday in Darrang and second round of local assembly were immediately available. elections amid rising ethnic vioaxes and spears.

Polling for the 126-seat assusands of people have been left homeless by the trouble. is taking place in three stages.

voting on Monday following reports of a tribal massacre in the central Darrang district.

The Assam government has admitted that entire villages were Assam state votes Thursday in the two other districts, but few details razed to the ground, but it said the Indian news agency and press

lence in which entire villages have reports said up to 150 people were been burnt by gangs armed with killed when tribesmen rampaged through at least 15 villages in the Gohpur area of Darrang at the embly in the fertile, tea-growing weekend, adding to a death toll of northeastern state, where tho- more than 125 in the past two weeks of unrest.

The bloodshed in the run-up to the elections was sparked by an Tension rose on the first day's anti-immigrant campaign by hardline Assamese Hindus who say Bengali-speaking Muslims have taken over land and jobs and been included on electoral rolls.

death toll had been exaggerated and only 10 bodies had been Reporters could not get to the scene of the alleged massacre because roads had been cut. Police

reached it by helicopter. The election commission has announced that repolling will take place in parts of 16 constituencies after violence resulted in the ransacking of booths and destruction

of hallot papers at 137 of 6.000

#### There were fresh reports of tropolling stations. 12 feared dead in Australian bushfires

ple were feared dead as bushfires north and southeast. raged out of control in two drought-stricken Australian states Wednesday, destroying hundreds of bomes and forcing the eva-

cuation of thousands of people. The South Australian governmeot declared a state of disaster around the capital city of Adelaide as more than a dozen fires, fanned by gale force winds, tore through semi-rural suburbs

SYDNEY (R) — At least 12 peo- and spread to outlying areas to the

Police said 11 people were belleved dead, mostly in hill districts around Adelaide but it was impossible to confirm the casualty figure with fires still raging.

At least one person was killed in neighbouring Victoria State where lour fires were burning out

Thousands of people were areas.

being evacuated from the coastal resort town of Lorne as the fires raced through bushland dried up by one of the worst droughts in Australia's history.

Around Adelaide, people stood on roofs to hose fires from their mostly wooden homes before abandoning them and driving to safety. Cattle on nearly farms panicked and fled as the fires ate up the tinder-dry grass over wide

month Gulf War. saying it would bring their country to ruin.

In an open letter to the people and army of Iran, broadcast over Baghdad Radio, he said the conflict would damage the two couotries' future as well as present relations.

President Hussein's appeal followed an Iranian offensive launched last week against the southeastern Iraqi province of Misan. Iraq says it smashed the offensive and killed over 15,000 Iranians.

The last heavy fighting was reported five days ago and an Iraqi military communique Tuesday spoke of 36 Iranians killed in the past 24 hours -- a relatively low

President Hussein said Iraq had tried in every possible way to make (the Iranians) aware of the dangers of their aggressive beh-

"We are fully convinced that the continuation of war will lead (Iran) to a catastrophe," he dec-

President Hussein said the age of invasions was passing and even the superpowers found there was little scope for expansion.

The failure of several Iranian attempts to break through Iraqi frontiers had put the facts into perspective, he said.

"If the matter is as Iranian rulers say, why didn't the ruling system in Iraq fail despite the fact that the war continued into its third year?" he declared.

Your regime, gentlemen, is driven by war and the con-tinuation of this war," President Hussein told the Iranians."That is why it rejected and still rejects all international efforts, including those by the Islamic states, to end

# Israel claims Haddad's militia will be part of Lebanese army

TEL AVIV (R) - Israeli television has reported that Israelihacked militiamen under the command of Maj. Saad Haddad were being incorporated into the Lehanese army.

The report quoted defence sources as saying 180 of the renegade major's Christian militiamen this month received their salaries from

Israel Radio reported U.S. envoy Philip Habib told Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir during a meeting in occupied Jerusalem Tuesday that Maj. Haddad's militia could soon become part of the regular Lebanese army. In Beirut, defence ministry soorees said there was no possibility of the Lebanese government acc-

epting the integration of Maj. Haddad's militia into the regular They said cabinet ministers regarded Maj. Haddad's latest moves, including the est-

ablishment of a garrison with

tanks in the town of Sidon in southern Lebanon, as serious developments which caused concern.

But diplomatic sources said it was conceivable the Lebanese might agree to some formula under which at least Maj. Haddad himself might return to the regular

Israell television showed a unit of Maj. Haddad's forces, equipped and trained by the Israelis. moving into new posts Monday in the southern Lebanese towns of Sidon and Nabatiya. The U.S. State Department said

that Washingtoo holds Israel responsible, as "the occupying power." for protecting the lives of inhabitants in southern Lebanon, The department said the firm U.S. position was that all armed

elements throughout Lebanon had to be brought under the cootrol of the central government. An Israeli army spokesman said be bad no further information oo

the reports about Maj. Haddad.

# **NEWS IN BRIEF**

### Kuwaiti minister warns against ban

KUWAIT (R) - Kuwait will outlaw all alcohol imports within a month despite warnings by its foreign minister that a ban app. roved Tuesday by parliament might tempt some embassies here to distil their own liquor. Parliament voted 20 to zero with 1tl abstentions to end an exemption allowing embassies to import alcohol into Kuwait. Foroign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah said last week that the ban would "close a window but open a door," adding that some embassies might set up stills,

### 'Sunset strip slayer' sentenced to death

LOS ANGELES (R) - Douglas Clark, the "sunset strip slayer" who had called on a Los Angeles jury to recommend sentencing him to death, got his wish Tuesday. The jury of eight women and four men recommended that he die in the gas chamber for the murders of six young women.

### 28 start hunger strike in El Salvador

SAN SALVADOR (R) - Twenty-eight jailed members of El Salvador's main guerrilla movement went on bunger strike to press demands for talks to end the country's civil war, prison officials said. They said the group from the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN) in Mariona prison just north of San Salvador started refusing food at midnight. Officials said the bunger strike was probably timed to coincide with next month's visit to Central America by Pope John Paul II. who is due to spend one day in El Salvador.

## White Zimbabwean child dies in ambush

HARARE (R) — A white mine manager in southern Zimbabue has accused government troops of having killed his four-year-old son in an amoush of the family ear. Terry Lahee, 37, told reporters by telephone that his son Roy, who would have been five in April. was shot through the neck by a National Army soldier last Thursday as the family drove home to Legion mine 30 kilometres north of the Botswana border. I saw one of the National Army guys turn with his G-3 rifle (standard army issue) and he opened up on us," he said. Mr. Lahee said the same soldiers troops later opened fire on his car with small arms and rifle grenades as he returned home after having sought medical help. That time no one

## Conscription affects Kabul University

ISLAMABAD (R) - A heetic conscription drive in Afghanistan has more than halved applications to Kabal University since last year, Western diplomats said. They said for the first time in the University's history, female outnumbered male applications, with 2,500 females and 1,500 males sitting the February entrance examination, against last year's 6,686 males and 3,483 females. The diplomats said only men who had completed military service in the war waged by Afghanistan's Soviet-backed government against Muslim rebels could sit the examination.

# 'Soviets may have edge in any future star war'

GOREN BRIDGE

U.S. air force officials said the Soviet Union could achieve military dominance in space if its anti-satellite warfare and laser technology advances continue

They said the Soviet forces already have the world's only operational killer satellite designed to destroy U.S. space communications vital for retaliation after a Soviet strike.

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Air force secretary Verne Orr and Chief of Staff Gen. Charles A. Gabriel made their assessment in an annual report to Congress in support of a \$92.9 hillion hudget

BY CHARLES GOREN

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hero in today's hand is India's

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normal four heart contract

after a Stayman sequence.

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strong to bid two hearts. But

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of spades into a low spade,

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WASHINGTON (R) - Senior for the 1984 financial year which begins on Oct. 1.

> A total of \$205.6 million will go for space defence and \$108.4 million for space surveillance.

Much of this would be spent on an Anti-satellite (A-sat) system to knock out Soviet satellites with a small missile launched from a modified F-15 fighter.

Mr. Orr and Gen. Gabriel said that in the past 10 years the Soviet Union had launched three to four times as many satellites as the U.S., and 70 per cent of their space missions had military applications.

have to sign off in two hearts

and risk losing a 4-4 spade fit.

contract, West led the king of

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that, if the diamond finesse

failed, he would probably

lose four tricks-a apade, a

diamond and two clubs.

Unless, that is, the defenders

could be persuaded that

there was no future for them

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sion, declarer won the ace of

spades at trick one and im-

mediately led a cluh to his

queen and West's king. As a

result of this play, West, not

unnaturally, placed declarer

with the ace of clubs. Now it

looked as if the only hope for

defeating the contract lay in

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tricks. In addition, those dia-

mond tricks would bave to be

secured immediately, since

one of dummy's diamonds

would go away on declarer's

So West shifted to a dia-

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his partner from going

wrong, he led the king of the

suit. A grateful declarer

grabbed the ace, drew

trumps and claimed the rest

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declarer, but we'll watch our

wallets when he's around.

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unexpected overtrick.

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Against Arora's four heart

# Italian police find mafia links with U.S., France

ROME (R) - A nation-wide police drive against organised crime bas uncovered proof of links between Sicilian and Naples gang bosses and associates in the U.S. and France, justice officials bave said.

In a tightly co-ordinated crackdown overnight, police in Turin Tuesday intercepted a lorry-load of illegal arms shipped from New York while magistrates in Rome, Milan and other cities issued more than 80 arrest warrants for suspected Mafia drugs dealers.

made 60 arrests, including 28 in Rome, eight in Milan, eight in Palermo, four in Genoa and two in Naples, the state prosecutors' office said in a statement.

Customs police in Turin said they intercepted a cargo of submachine guns, pump-action rifles and revolvers apparently shipped by a U.S. East Coast mafia "family" to Naples for distribution to associates in northern Italy.

Among those arrested in Rome where the wife and sister of Michele Zazza, imprisoned leader of the Naples "Nuova famiglia" Camorra, or local malia, involved in a bloody hattle for control on the Neapolitan rackets.

# Police acting on the warrants

Cairo denies torture claim

CAIRO (R) — Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Wednesday repudiated a report by Amnesty International on torture m Egyptian jails.

The report by the Londonbased human rights group said political prisoners in Egypt had. faced a wave of torture since the assassination of President Anwar

Asked to comment, Mr. Ali told Reuters: "It is exaggerated and misleading." He cited what he said were rep-

orts hy other international human rights groups, saying they praised Egypt for the legal and just trials of members of outlawed political Organisations.

Mr. Ali denied any knowledge of amnesty's requests to send delegations to Egypt to discuss human rights.

"I will personally investigate

the matter," he said. Wednesday's amnesty report said it had received no reply from Egypt to its repeated requests for delegations to be sent here. Mr. Ali said an independent

party was investigating torture claims made by some of the 280 members of an outlawed militant Muslim group now on trial for attempting to overthrow the government by force. He was referring to a ruling iss-

ued by the judge of the court looking into the case to refer 260 of the accused to medical examiners to investigate their torture claims. The examiners' report, acc-

ording to the ruling, should have been submitted to the judge 10 days ago, but was expected to remain unknown until the trial resumes on Saturday after a sixweek adjustment.

# Dacca tense after crackdown

DACCA (R) - Tension gripped this capital city Wednesday after 30 political leaders of Bangladesh were jailed for holding a meeting in defiance of martial law. The leaders of an 18-party all-

iance were arrested by troops Tuesday as they met at the home of former Foreign Minister Kamal Hossain to plan future action following battles between police and students over the past two days. Troops who raided the alliance

meeting had been called in to restore order in the capital after five people were killed and more than 100 injured in Dacca and other cities. Detained leaders include She-

ikh Hasina Wazed, head of the

Awami League Party, and Dr.

Hossain.

The violence started on Monday when a student demonstration to protest about changes in education policy quickly developed into a battle against martial law imposed last March by the military ruler, Lt. Gen. Hossam Mohammad Ershad.

Dacca was under a 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew and heavily-armed troops patrolled streets to prevent further clashes.

Demonstrators damaged government property and other buildings and set fire to Dacca's municipal corporation offices. Educational institutions in the

capital, as well as in southern Chittagong and northern Rajshahi towns, were closed by the government until Feb. 27.

# THE WEEKEND CROSSWORD

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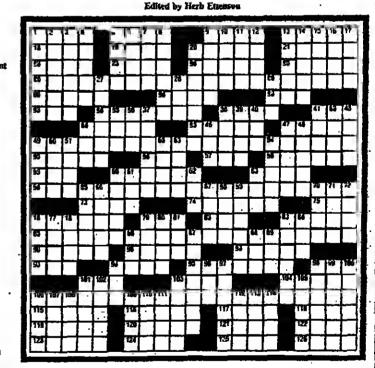
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